

## REPORT TO HCCA MEETING: 1 MARCH 2021 ENVIRONMENT

Team members have posted items on the website updating on their activities. An opportunity with Brookfield High School has been identified to where project leads may propose activities that would earn participating students volunteer work experience hours. Tania Mushka is investigating how the Association can best participate in Ecology Ottawa's tree program.

### **Climate Change and Energy**

Lead: John D Reid

Quarry Co-op continues undergoing renovations which improves energy efficiency. Coady Co-op will be undergoing renovations this year which will improve energy efficiency. A city Better Homes Loan Program is to be announced, in conjunction with soon to be announced federal program, with Hunt Club East - Western Community as a target area for single-family home renovations. Efforts are underway to establish if there is a change of status of the NCC land west of McCarthy Woods under the proposed official plan.

### **Community Gardens**

Lead: Christine Johnson

**Christine posted an item [A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN YOUR HUNT CLUB NEIGHBOURHOOD](#) on the website on 21 February.**

### **Get Growing Hunt Club (GGHC)**

Lead: Barb Shea

Who:

- The core group of volunteers lead by Barb Shea, has been assembled and has held its kick-off meeting for 2021. Members of the core group include Lorraine Busby, Jason Dubue, Kat Gracie, Christine Johnson, Erin McCracken (liaison from Councillor Brockington's office), Tania Mushka and Piero Narducci.
- If anyone would like to help with GGHC in the future once the program takes shape for 2021 (for example we may need volunteers for some one-time involvement e.g. to distribute the seeds/seedlings), please contact Barb Shea at: [Getgrowing@hunt-club.ca](mailto:Getgrowing@hunt-club.ca) We'd be happy to have you join in.

What

- The program will provide free seeds and seedlings to residents of the Hunt Club Community.
- The program will be focussed, first, on those who live within limited means. Links with OCH and community co-ops re: GGHC are being re-kindled.
- The overall goal of GGHC is to support those who want to grow their own nutritious food.

- Advance registration (to request seeds/seedling) is up on the HCCA website.

#### How

- Seeds and seedlings will be purchased and distributed in a safe (COVID wise) manner.
- Education and awareness will be provided and available (pamphlets, a webinar hosted by HCCA in March on the science of growing and tending seeds and seedlings, associated links on the HCCA website under Get Growing).
- Communications and promotion will include posted on community mailboxes, social media promotion, via Councillor Brockington, etc.
- Working together: We are sharing information with RPCA re: their food garden initiatives. If Just Food holds a Seeds and Soil Program, we will do what we can to work with them.

#### When

- Exact dates to be determined based on product, method of distribution will be settled upon as the planning proceeds.

#### **Paul Landry Park**

Lead: Christine Johnson

**On track**

#### **Streamwatch**

Lead: Sue McCarthy

On track

#### **Uplands Park**

Lead: Sue McCarthy

Application for HCCA to adopt the park has been made. A decision from the city is pending.