

Report to HCCA Board Meeting Aug 10, 2026

Get Growing Hunt Club

The annual GGHC one day event was held on May 16 this year (the wrap up for that event was reported to the HCCA Board for its June meeting).

June Seed Giveaway

In mid-June GGHC received a donation of 475 packs of vegetable and flower seeds (retail value of over \$1200). We used the GGHC email contact list and HCCA and GGHC Facebook to promote a giveaway event at the community centre on June 24th. There was strong demand; approximately 250 packs of seeds were given out at that time. Afterward we provided many packs to the seed cupboard at Elmvale Library and at Kilbourn Community Garden. About 40 packs of seeds were held over for GGHC 2027.

Fire Station Garden

This is year two where we've prepared and planted vegetables at the Fire Station 33 garden (McCarthy). The garden is slightly bigger this year and there are more vegetables planted in pots outside the raised bed. The seeds and seedlings were all donated. Harvested vegetables (beans, chives, thyme thus far) have been and will be donated to Brookfield Community Food Cupboard and Heron Rd Emergency Food Cupboard throughout the growing season.

Textile Waste Diversion/CEPGP Grant

The submission to the city for a CEPGP grant to host two events (an Ottawa Tool Library's Repair Café and follow up Showcase event) was successful! We were awarded \$6,280.90 which is about 90% of our original request of \$6,890. We are awaiting the formal documents/MOUs before we proceed with planning. We will carefully consider how/if we can make up the shortfall with funding from elsewhere and if not, how to scale back the projects to fit the funds available.

If you are interested in the topic of textile waste and how to reduce it and would like to be involved in delivering the projects please let me know. It's an important effort and we welcome other volunteers to join us.

Thanks to the following volunteers (and apologies if any are missed):

GGHC: Christine, Jason, Cathy, Lamis, Piero, Emily, Noella (Abbie from Councillor's office)

Fire Station 33 Garden: Noella, Emily and 3 additional volunteers during planting

Textile Waste Diversion Projects/CEPGP Grant: John B

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