

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: December 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Trinity Substation – Community Gardens

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive the report for information.

FUNDING

There are no funding implications as a result of this report or proposal.

BACKGROUND

The TTC currently owns and operates the Trinity electrical substation facility located at 109-113 Shaw Street, shown in Appendix A. This facility provides electrical power for the TTC streetcar network. In January of 2012 the TTC was approached by the community within the area of the substation for the use of a portion of the property as a community garden.

DISCUSSION

The area proposed for the community garden will be located on a portion of the property which is underutilized and not required for any current TTC operational use, as shown in Appendix A. This portion of the property has sat vacant for a period of time and is subject to on-going illegal garbage dumping and graffiti. The TTC is continually required to carry out maintenance and the removal of graffiti and illegally dumped garbage on the property.

The terms and conditions agreement for the community garden use of the property will allow the community to use the site providing for an active use including the installation of removable raised planter beds for gardening as well as a flower garden, as shown on Appendix B. The community use of the site will enhance the neighbourhood and will strengthen the relationship between the TTC and the community residents. Councillor Mike Layton is in full support of this community garden proposal.

The agreement between the TTC and the community requires the users of the site to maintain the portion of the property so long as it is being used by the community. The agreement also allows the TTC to enter upon the property for its use as well as terminate the community garden use at any time. TTC Operations Department have reviewed and approved of this proposal.

JUSTIFICATION

The community use of the TTC Trinity substation is in accordance with TTC corporate policy 12.5.0 Community Gardens and will allow the use of an otherwise underutilized portion of the property. The community use of the property will enhance the neighbourhood and assist in detracting the on-going illegal graffiti and dumping activities in the area.

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Appendix A: TTC Trinity Substation and Community Garden Location Plan
Appendix B: Permitted Gardening Plan

Appendix A
Trinity Substation and Community Garden Location Plan



Appendix B
Permitted Gardening Plan

