

PRESENTATION REQUEST

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SUBJECT: Community Services Committee	
PREFERRED DATE: Oct. 4/2017	ALTERNATE DATE: Nov. 17/2017 Dec. 6/2017
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NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable), INCLUDING THE PERSON(S) WHO WILL BE SPEAKING AND/OR PRESENT AT THE MEETING: Group: Cultivating Culture - Urban Pantry Project Bonnie North and Keenan Aylwin	
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION: We are presenting the rationale for a request for the City of Barrie to enact an Urban Agriculture Strategy.	
DO YOU REQUIRE AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If yes, please contact the Legislative and Court Services Department to make arrangements.	
WHAT FORMAT? i.e. Power Point, Overhead slides etc. (Note: a maximum of 12 slides is recommended).	
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What is Urban Agriculture?

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO UN), defines urban agriculture as the growing of plants and the raising of animals to share, distribute and/or process as food, fibre or fertilizers, in and around municipalities, and according to the City of London's Urban Agriculture Strategy, emphasis is focussed on fostering educational, economic and ecological systems.

Additionally, non-food species are also raised, such as medicinal herbs, ornamental plants and trees.

Such practices augment regional commercial agriculture activities, and both rural and urban agriculture systems form the "food sheds" which feed local populations.

Background:

Barrie's Urban Pantry Project is a partnership between FruitShare Barrie, Barrie's Good Food Box, and Cultivating Culture, and is supported by numerous community allies including The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit and The Canadian Mental Health Association, Simcoe Branch.

The Urban Pantry Project's goal:

To strengthen the community of Barrie by fostering a connection between its citizens and their environment, through supporting the increase and diversification of a sustainable local food system.

Cultivating Culture's goal:

To work within the framework of the Urban Pantry Project, to facilitate healthy, accessible, inclusive and affordable urban agriculture activities within the City of Barrie, supported by city council and staff, related community groups and institutions, and individual citizens.