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TO: PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 21 2017 9:30 a.m.

SUNSET CULTURAL GARDEN DESCRIPTIVE

Sunset Cultural Garden is an accessible neighbourhood park. It is well established in the North End and beyond and has been a tremendous success. It buffers the entrance to Bayfront Park and is a traffic calmer. It provides safe access for children, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorized wheelchairs and scooters to the Bayfront.

In 2014, a petition with 1000 names in favour of the park remaining as a park was presented to Councillor Farr. Shortly after, the Garden became part of Adopt A Park as a cultural garden. Currently we lease the park from the City. Conceived and designed by well-known professional garden and landscape designer Candy Venning of Venni Gardens, it is a speciality signature garden for a broad community.

It has been built and maintained by the community over the last three years. This made possible by generous donors, supporters, associations, organizations, businesses and individuals, Hamilton Harbour Commission, Museum of Steam & Technology, Jamesville Hub, Welcome Inn, Macassa Bay Yacht Club, Dean Peter Wall of Christ's Church Cathedral, to name a few. We have included a donor walk.

The Garden is an established ecosystem of plants, insects, pollinators, birds and butterflies. The Park is beautified by Indigenous and drought-resistant plants, perennials and annuals of interest and impactful. Plant names are posted.

It further features a poetry installation of 12 multilingual poems and a Chinese language walkway toward the west engraved in stone set in the ground. The common theme is about the sunset. English translations of the poems are posted.

