



North End Neighbourhood Association
Planning & Traffic Committee
Resolution Approved June 16, 2021
Re: Sunset Cultural Gardens – Bay and Strachan Intersection

Background Facts:

1. The park currently on the North-East corner of Bay and Strachan has been known and used for decades by residents and visitors as public open space.
2. It is currently zoned for Open Space and designated for residential in Setting Sail.
3. In 2013 it was identified as a park by the residents who had volunteered to maintain it and it became identified as the Sunset Cultural Gardens.
4. Since that time, it has been significantly improved by residents and contributors including a major contribution from Hamilton's Chinese Community.
5. The park serves a vital function as part of the Bay Street entrance to the neighbourhood. It adds to the feeling of the neighbourhood as a peaceful area that works in harmony with the character of Bayfront Park and the waterfront.
6. The park works today as a place of respite for residents and visitors. It will be more important in that role in the future as approved intense development takes place in the immediate area.
7. The waterfront works as a magnet for visitors in increasing numbers and the amount of open space should not be reduced when the population is increasing and the popularity of the area for visitors from other parts of the City increases.
8. Hamilton Public Works Committee will consider closing a part of Bay Street and placing the land on the market for sale.
9. The Sunrise Cultural Garden team of volunteers who have built and maintained the park's features have asked NENa for assistance in finding a way to preserve the park as open space.

10. The developers chosen for the Jamesville project have stated that they are not proceeding with a development submission to the City at this time.
11. The conflict between the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law has not been resolved.

Committee Resolutions:

1. That Councilor Farr be asked to assist the Sunrise Cultural Garden volunteers in obtaining a deferral of the decision to close a portion of Bay Street until the future status of the Sunset Cultural Garden has been finally determined.
2. That this Committee appear as a delegation at the next meeting of the Public Works Committee on July 7th and formally request a deferral of the consideration of the closing of the road until the long-term status and function of the lands has been determined.

Approved at the NENa Planning and Traffic Committee June 16, 2021

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Vice-Chair,
NENa Planning and Traffic Committee.