



**SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Workshop**

**TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.**

**FROM: Recreation Services Department**

Report Number: RS-01-20

Wards Affected: all

File Numbers: 901-01

Date to Committee: February 10, 2020

Date to Council: February 24, 2020

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**Recommendation:**

Receive and file recreation services report RS-01-20 regarding community development initiatives Beyond Your Front Door and Blue Zones.

**PURPOSE:**

To share with Committee an overview of the "Beyond Your Front Door" project completed by a group of staff in the Mohawk Future Ready Leadership program. Staff will also provide an overview of the Blue Zones Community Project. Both items are inspiring community development initiatives.

**Vision to Focus Alignment:**

- Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture

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**Background and Discussion:**

There are two community development initiatives; Beyond Your Front Door and Blue Zones, that staff would like to share with Committee as there has been a lot of energetic conversations happening internally and in the community about these projects.

Beyond Your Front Door - was a project done through the City's Mohawk Future Ready Leadership program in 2019. A group of six staff were tasked to develop and test approaches that connected communities to be healthier, stronger and more resilient in

order to create a dynamic where residents thrive. This work was done in the Orchard community and staff are excited to provide an overview of the project.

The Beyond Your Front Door project had great success in one neighbourhood. Staff are considering ways to take something like this program citywide and looked at the Blue Zones Community Project as a potential opportunity to support this goal.

Some staff and members of Council were able to attend an overview presentation by a representative of Blue Zones in October 2019. With a representative of Blue Zones joining Committee via video conference, staff will provide Committee with an overview on what the Blue Zones Community Project is and how it might support our city in building connected neighbourhoods.

Staff looks forward to sharing these two initiatives with Committee and having a dialogue on further community development initiatives.

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### **Financial Matters:**

Not applicable

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### **Climate Implications**

Not applicable

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### **Enterprise Risk:**

Not applicable

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### **Engagement Matters:**

The Beyond Your Front Door team worked with many residents within the Orchard Committee.

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### **Conclusion:**

Staff look forward to providing an overview of the “Beyond Your Front Door” Project and Blue Zones Community Project.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Report Approval:**

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