**Community Gardens 2016**

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This was, almost without reservation, a good year for the community gardens. The weather generally cooperated and there were no major infestations of bugs or diseases.

Some of the highlights of the year are listed below.

1. The gardens donated a plot to the Spinal Cord Injury Association for a wheelchair-accessible garden.
2. We made arrangements with Emterra to provide green bins for weeds and other compostable material. This cut down on the amount of organic material sent to the city landfill and saved us some money hauling Loraas bins to the dump. But the 12 bins were not enough to handle all of the weeds so we will be looking at the cost of bringing in a larger bin in 2017.
3. We cancelled our security contract with Garda but vandalism was almost non-existent because our new volunteer security coordinator, Keith Lee, has been patrolling the gardens in the evenings.
4. We closed our Yahoo website and have replaced it with a “free” site. Emails are now sent to gardeners by Mail Chimp.
5. Our proposal to limit flooding in the garden has been accepted by the City of Regina and the Ministry of Highways. We have tendered the work but the bids received so far are well beyond our financial capacity.
6. There is a demand for gardens that are not tilled in the Fall so that people can plant perennials such as raspberries and strawberries and fall-planted crops such as garlic. We conducted a survey of the gardeners and found an unmet demand for about 100 of these “perennial” plots. In response, we are converting a block of annual plots to “perennial” plots.
7. Changes in Board Members
8. One of our long-time board volunteers is stepping down. Arnold Fritsch was the Fall Director.
9. Doug Elliott will step down as president; he remains as the Treasurer and the representative on the SZRB.
10. Marlene Hooper and Bob Guthrie will hold the president’s position for 2017.
11. The 2016 financial statement is attached. Revenues exceeded expenditures by $2,347 to bring our accumulated surplus to approximately $14,000.

**Revenues and Expenditures for 2016 (with comparison to 2015)**

**South Zone Community Garden**

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|  |  |  |  |  | **Jan - Dec 2016** |  | **Jan - Dec 2015** |
|  | **Ordinary Income/Expense** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Income** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Revenue** | $16,020.00 |  | $14,445.00 |
|  |  |  | **Total Income** | $16,020.00 |  | $14,445.00 |
|  |  |  | **Cost of Goods Sold** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **Refunds for Gardeners** | $165.00 |  | $75.00 |
|  |  |  | **Total COGS** | $165.00 |  | $75.00 |
|  |  | **Gross Profit** | $15,855.00 |  | $14,370.00 |
|  |  |  | **Expense** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | **City of Regina** | $4,265.51 |  | $6,090.58 |
|  |  |  |  | **Wascana Centre Authority** | $2,457.82 |  | $4,974.57 |
|  |  |  |  | **Waste Disposal** | $2,165.33 |  | $1,514.04 |
|  |  |  |  | **Security** | $0.00 |  | $3,436.15 |
|  |  |  |  | **Equipment and Operations** | $3,101.79 |  | $1,428.23 |
|  |  |  |  | **Office Supplies/Administration** | $1,108.35 |  | $895.54 |
|  |  |  |  | **Capital Expenditures** | $362.93 |  | $918.47 |
|  |  |  |  | **Special and One Time** | $157.50 |  | -$1,531.80 |
|  |  |  |  | **Reconciliation, Miscellaneous** | -$111.28 |  | $0.00 |
|  |  |  | **Total Expense** | $13,507.95 |  | $17,725.78 |
|  | **Net Ordinary Income** | $2,347.05 |  | -$3,355.78 |
|  | **Other Income/Expense** |  |  |  |
|  |  | **Other Income** |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | **Surplus from Prior Year** | $11,657.59 |  | $15,013.37 |
|  |  | **Total Other Income** | $11,657.59 |  | $15,013.37 |
|  | **Net Other Income** | $11,657.59 |  | $15,013.37 |
| **Net Income** |  | **$14,004.64** |  | **$11,657.59** |