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Subject: Support for Boulevard Gardens in Oshawa

I am writing to express my support for the use and expansion of boulevard gardens within the City of Oshawa. Boulevard gardens provide a wide range of environmental, social, and economic benefits that contribute directly to the health and livability of our community.

First, boulevard gardens enhance environmental sustainability. By replacing turf grass with native plants, pollinator-friendly species, or drought-resistant vegetation, we can reduce water consumption, improve soil health, and increase urban biodiversity. These gardens also play a role in mitigating climate change by absorbing rainwater, reducing stormwater runoff, and helping to cool local microclimates.

Second, boulevard gardens bring significant community and social benefits. They create more attractive streetscapes, foster civic pride, and encourage residents to actively care for and beautify their neighborhoods. They also provide opportunities for neighbors to connect, share resources, and collectively build a stronger sense of community.

Third, boulevard gardens can help reduce municipal maintenance costs over time. Less mowing, watering, and fertilizer use means fewer resources are required to maintain these spaces, aligning with both fiscal responsibility and sustainability goals.

Encouraging boulevard gardens is consistent with Oshawa's long-term environmental and urban design objectives. With proper guidelines, boulevard gardens can be safe, low-maintenance, and a valuable addition to the city's green infrastructure.

I urge Council to continue supporting policies that enable residents to create and maintain boulevard gardens and to consider expanding educational programs and resources to promote this practice citywide.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to making Oshawa a greener, more resilient, and more welcoming city.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Kozma

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