## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**



## Brewer Park Community Garden Officially Launched!



Launch participants including (L to R) OSCA President Linda Hancock, MPP Yasir Naqvi, Garden President Danielle Cantin, Michael Qaqish from the Office of Councillor David Chernushenko, and Aviva Gluss, representative of TD Friends of the Environment.

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Towards the end of the summer, on August 24th, a beautiful, warm, blue sky day, Brewer Park Community Garden (BPCG) celebrated its establishment in Old Ottawa South by hosting an Official Garden Launch Ceremony and Celebration.

BPCG has been working hard over the past two years to set a solid foundation to create a dynamic community space and raise awareness around food security in Old Ottawa South.

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The Garden Launch event was not only an opportunity to celebrate what we've been working on, but also a casual showcase of a diversity of community talents. Guy Souliere set up his speakers to provide us with lounge music while gardeners mingled, and event organizer, Alison Duncan, kept the event running smoothly. Elie Cantin-Nantel, garden member, age 10, starred as our Master of Ceremonies during the presentations and MPP Yasir Naqvi cut the ceremonial garden launch ribbon, and joined the kids to slice the "Welcome to Our Garden" cake, specially baked by garden member Jordan Walsh.

Our hard-working funders and community supporters, MPP Yasir Naqvi; Michael Qaqish, from the Office of City Councillor David Chernushenko; and Aviva Gluss, representative of TD Friends of the Environment, came out to meet garden members and see the project in ground and blooming. Our President, Danielle Cantin, also took the opportunity to thank all of the people that have been involved in making our garden a success this year.

Are you interested in getting involved with Brewer Park Community Garden? Call us locally at 343-883-7967, get in touch with us by email at brewergarden@gmail.com, find our website, or check us out on Facebook or Twitter.