



Member Motion

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting: Council

Meeting Date: June 12, 2018

Subject/Title: Bee City Designation for Richmond Hill

Submitted by: Councillor West

Whereas Richmond Hill has shown, and continues to show, commitment and leadership regarding the natural environment, as outlined in our approved Environment Strategy, Greening the Hill: Our Community, Our Future;

Whereas Richmond Hill is committed to supporting pollinator species, as demonstrated through signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge in 2016, annually proclaiming Pollinator Week, and pursuing actions related to habitat protection, native plants, and public communications;

Whereas the goal of Bee City Canada designation is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for pollinators;

That bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to land fragmentation, habitat loss, use of pesticides, industrialized agriculture, climate change and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for agricultural production and ecosystem health; and

That Richmond Hill and its residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

That supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement among community stewards; and

That by becoming a Bee City, Richmond Hill can highlight initiatives already in place to support pollinators and further engage local communities in the spirit of environmental stewardship;

That staff be authorized to submit the Bee City Canada Application to designate Richmond Hill as a Bee City; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That Richmond Hill accepts the Bee City designation and commits to creating pollinator habitat, educating about pollinators, and celebrating pollinators in accordance with the Bee City Canada Program.

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by:
