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Subject: Member Motion - Councillor Thompson - Plant Based Treaty Initiative

Mayor and Members of Council,

I appreciate the intent behind the *Plant-Based Treaty Initiative* motion. However, I am concerned that it extends beyond the proper jurisdiction of municipal government.

Council's limited authority and resources should remain focused on its core local responsibilities, planning, infrastructure, waste management, and city operations, where real and measurable impact can be achieved. Broader advocacy around food systems, dietary choices, or international movements is better addressed at the provincial or federal levels, where policies on agriculture and health are actually determined.

While environmental sustainability is important, motions of this nature are largely symbolic and have no practical effect or enforceable outcome for the City. Such initiatives risk diverting attention and resources from areas where Richmond Hill Council can make a direct and tangible difference.

If Council has ample time and resources to consider new matters, I respectfully urge that it focus instead on addressing pressing local issues in Ward 2, such as crime, vandalism, security breaches, drug activity, and encampments, which continue to affect the safety and quality of life of residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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