



MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date:	October 22, 2025
Subject/Title:	Plant Based Treaty Initiative
Submitted by:	Councillor Thompson

Whereas local communities must adapt to the impacts of climate change and, conversely, take responsibility and concrete action to mitigate their contributions to greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions and climate change;

Whereas Richmond Hill’s Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) outlines actions and opportunities to reduce our community’s GHG emissions;

Whereas large scale animal agriculture is a significant source of global GHG emissions and shifting to plant-centric food systems can help reduce emissions while offering environmental and health benefits;

Whereas reducing GHG emissions related to our food production systems and consumption habits is critical for achieving global emissions targets and for addressing climate change;

Whereas there is an international, grassroots, plant based treaty movement that encourages individuals, businesses, organizations and cities to put food systems at the forefront of combatting the climate crisis and promote a shift towards healthier, sustainable plant-based diets;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

1. The City of Richmond Hill promote a more plant-based food approach that aligns with the City’s climate plans and GHG reduction goals;
2. Richmond Hill will aim to include environmentally-friendly plant-based food options at City meetings and events;
3. Richmond Hill encourage inclusion of plant-based options at events held by community organizations; and

4. Richmond Hill explore opportunities to raise public awareness about the climate, environmental, and health benefits of plant-based food systems and diets.

Moved by: Councillor Thompson

Seconded by: Councillor xxx