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24 APRIL 2019

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RESPONSE TO BEE CITY MOTION

ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0017

CITY-WIDE

That the Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that Council:

- 1. Receive the information provided within this report, which outlines how the City and local partners currently support native pollinator health;**
- 2. Direct staff to implement the short-term actions identified in this report, which can be accommodated within existing budget envelopes, including a pollinator garden and/or bee hotel at City Hall or suitable city-owned facility, education and outreach, and an exhibit to celebrate and promote pollinators at the 2019 Mayor's Rural Expo; and**
- 3. Direct staff to examine the feasibility of longer-term actions identified in this report and provide an update, including any new recommendations, to Committee in 2020.**

At the outset, the Committee received a verbal overview of the initiatives that staff were currently undertaking with regard to pollinator species from Ms Amy MacPherson, Planner, Resiliency and Natural Systems Policy, PIEDD. Mr. John Smit, Director, Economic Development and Long Range Planning, PIEDD, and

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Ms Geraldine Wildman, Program Manager, Natural Systems Policy, PIEDD, were also present to respond to questions.

Ms MacPherson said staff were not recommending the City's commitment to any external programs at the moment, as this would add administrative complexities, with limited returns. She noted that, per the recommendations, staff will report back in 2020 with an update on their work with pollinator species.

The Committee heard from Ms Genevieve Leroux*, requesting that the City sign on to the "Mayor's Monarch Pledge", an initiative that requests municipalities and other communities commit to creating habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinator species, and to educating its citizens.

[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]

Councillor Egli then introduced the following Motion:

MOTION N^o EPWWM 02/02

Moved by Councillor K Egli:

WHEREAS the Response to Bee City Motion report (ACS2019-PIE-EDP-0017) outlines how the City and local partners currently support native pollinator health and also proposes new initiatives aimed at enhancing these efforts; and

WHEREAS a formal proclamation declaring the City's support for pollinators, and recognising the benefits provided by pollinators would provide an additional opportunity for education and awareness.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on

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Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management recommend that the report recommendations be amended to add the following:

- 4. Direct staff in the Natural Systems and Rural Affairs unit to work with the Mayor's Office to develop a proclamation declaring an annual Pollinator Appreciation Day or similar occasion in the City of Ottawa starting in 2019.**

Committee questions to staff, and discussions, touched upon staff's work with pollinator species to help achieve key work plan deliverables and tangible results at the local level; work being undertaken by external organizations, and; reaching out to local external agencies to help improve pollinator species' habitats.

Discussions having concluded, the above Motion was put before the Committee and was "CARRIED" as presented. The report recommendations were then put before the Committee, and were "CARRIED", as amended by Motion N^o EPWWM 02/02, as set out below:

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to celebrate and promote pollinators at the 2019 Mayor's Rural Expo;
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CARRIED, as amended

The following Direction to Staff was also given:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff in Legal Services be directed to review whether Ward Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland funding can be used to fund pollinator gardens, and to provide this information prior to the report being considered by Council.

That staff be directed to engage with other City Departments to provide additional direction on guidance on preserving milkweed and pollinator mix during maintenance of City-owned properties;

That staff reach out to leaders of Ottawa's Community Gardens, to Hydro One and to Ottawa Hydro, to expand opportunities for pollinator species on their properties.