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ROYAL SWAN PROGRAM UPDATE

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CITY WIDE

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council gift the Royal Swans to Parc Safari Incorporated to ensure proper care of the aging flock.

The Committee heard from the following delegations:

1. *Mark Davidson - Resident of Ottawa, birdwatcher and amateur naturalist. He stated that Mute Swans are categorized by the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada as a “non-native invasive species” which is why their management by the city is subject to Canadian Wildlife Service rules. He is support of the recommendation. He believes that knowing now what we do about the importance of native biodiversity we should ask ourselves whether in 2019 we would accept such a gift from the Queen. If not then perhaps we should recognize that its time for the city to end its unique support for this invasive and destructive species in the sensitive Rideau River ecosystem.
2. Clarence Dungey – Likes the swans in Ottawa but supports the recommendation of staff.

[* *All individuals marked with an asterisk either provided their comments in writing or by email; all such comments are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

The report recommendation was put to Committee and CARRIED as presented.