

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018

Item 13, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 20, 2018.

13 MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE COUNCIL RESOLUTION

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Regional Councillor Singh, dated March 6, 2018:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Sunder Singh

Whereas, the City of Vaughan approved Green Directions Vaughan, the Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan;

Whereas, Green Directions Vaughan promotes the protection and enhancement of our natural environment to “develop Vaughan as a City with maximum greenspace and an urban form that supports our expected population growth (Objective 2.2)”; and

Whereas, the Monarch Butterfly has been designated as “Endangered” under the Federal *Species at Risk Act* and “Species of Concern” under the Provincial *Endangered Species Act*; by planting native milkweed, host plant that attracts Monarch Butterflies will support population growth of such butterflies in the City of Vaughan.

It is therefore recommended:

1. *That the City of Vaughan commit to the National Wildlife Federation's “Mayor's Monarch Pledge” and it is therefore recommended that the following action items be taken by staff:*
 - a. *Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the Monarch Butterfly and the species need for habitat;*
 - b. *Plant native milkweed and nectar plants on City properties such as community gardens, parks and open spaces, where appropriate;*
 - c. *Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens;*
 - d. *Work with City departments to identify opportunities for revised mowing programs and develop a milkweed/native nectar plant planting program; and*
 - e. *Develop partnerships with community groups/organizations and agencies such as the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to identify larger restoration planting sites.*

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2. *That Staff report to Council on the action items as part of the annual progress report for Green Directions Vaughan.*