

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

TITLE: YEAR OF THE GARDEN 2022 PROCLAMATION

FROM:

Councillor Tony Carella

Whereas, Communities in Bloom and “Fleurons du Québec,” in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invite all municipalities to celebrate the ***Year of the Garden 2022***;

Whereas, the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector;

Whereas, gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation;

Whereas, the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and experience of our municipality; and

Whereas gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Council proclaims 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges;
2. That the Saturday before Father's Day, National Garden Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the City of Vaughan, as its part in Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and
3. That the City of Vaughan affirms its commitment to be a Garden Friendly City, supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have:
 - a) Community Gardens, available for residents to grow and care for fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, native and ornamental plants;
 - b) Beautification 2.0, the renewed horticulture strategy that provides beautification across the City;
 - c) Curb Appeal, the program that recognizes homeowners and businesses that demonstrate exceptional pride and effort in the maintenance of their landscapes;
 - d) Grow with Vaughan, the sponsorship program that supports small businesses while contributing to local neighbourhood beautification;
 - e) Pollinator Projects, guided by the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, that support the planting of pollinator gardens; and
 - e) Green Guardians, the stewardship program with various environmentally-focused events, launching this year.