

World Migratory Bird Day

WHEREAS, World Migratory Bird Day is an annual awareness campaign highlighting the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitat, celebrated on the second Saturday in May; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated in the last 50 years, North American bird populations have dropped by more than 25 per cent; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vaughan has existing bird-friendly programs related to threat reduction, habitat protection and restoration, and community outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vaughan is pursuing a Bird Friendly City certification through Nature Canada, and celebrating World Migratory Bird Day is a mandatory criterion for certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of the City of Vaughan, do hereby proclaim the second Saturday in May as World Migratory Bird Day.

The City of Vaughan will recognize World Migratory Bird Day on an annual basis.