

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2022

Item 48, Report No. 30, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2022.

#### **48. BIRD FRIENDLY CITY AND WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the resolution of Councillor Carella, dated June 21, 2022.**

##### **Member's Resolution**

##### **Submitted by Councillor Tony Carella**

**Whereas**, in the last 50 years, North American bird populations have dropped by more than 25% and three million birds, including species that live in towns and cities, are gone due to predation by domestic cats and car and window collisions; and

**Whereas**, birds play an essential role as pollinators, and in maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems; and

**Whereas**, Nature Canada has developed a certification standard to certify eligible cities as a "Bird Friendly City" to recognize and celebrate the contributions they have made to save bird lives in their municipalities; and

**Whereas**, on May 17, 2022, Council endorsed that the Sustainability Metric IB-1 Bird-Safe Design Standards be a requirement for all new private and City-owned developments; and

**Whereas**, the City is currently executing bird-friendly activities related to threat reduction, habitat protection and restoration, and community outreach and education; and

**Whereas**, World Migratory World Day is an annual awareness campaign highlighting the need for conservation of migratory birds and their habitat, and celebrating World Migratory World Day is a mandatory criteria the City must fulfill in order to be Bird Friendly City certified.

##### **It is therefore recommended:**

1. That Council endorse the City's efforts to be a certified Bird Friendly City through Nature Canada, and staff be directed to submit an application to Nature Canada;
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3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and staff be directed to promote the proclamation, and execute a World Migratory Bird Day event, as appropriate; and

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4. That staff be directed to undertake activities to uphold the Bird Friendly City status, including creating a Bird Team that includes community members and stakeholders and providing an annual report card to Nature Canada on activities related to the City's Bird Friendly City status.

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (2) Report**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022

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**FROM:**

Councillor Tony Carella

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**Attachments**

1. World Migratory Bird Day Proclamation

# 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.