

City of Vaughan

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vaughan has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as city forests, grasslands, and parks for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario provides agricultural producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor of the City of Vaughan, in support of Pollinator Partnership Canada, do hereby proclaim the week of June 22-28, 2020 as

City Pollinator Week

throughout the City of Vaughan and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

The City of Vaughan will recognize a week in June, to be determined by Pollinator Partnership Canada, as City Pollinator Week on an annual basis.

Thank you for helping pollinators!

