

**Extract from Council Meeting
C#21-18 held June 12, 2018
Confirmatory By-law 75-18**

12. Delegations

12.1 Helen Chen, 85 Meadowsweet Lane, regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor West regarding Bee City Designation for Richmond Hill - refer to Item 14.2

Helen Chen, 85 Meadowsweet Lane, addressed Council regarding the Member Motion submitted by Councillor West regarding Bee City Designation for Richmond Hill. She explained how her passion for climate change, nature and bees began, advised of her involvement with organizations that address environmental issues, and stressed the importance of initiating change at the local level. She highlighted the importance of bees, their contributions to cancer treatment, and the role they play in our everyday lives; and relayed some of the helpful uses of honey for different medical issues. Ms. Chen provided background information on Bee City Canada, and expressed her enthusiasm for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and hoped the Bee City Designation for the Town of Richmond Hill would be supported.

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14. Other Business

14.2 Member Motion - Councillor West - Bee City Designation for Richmond Hill

Moved by: Councillor West

Seconded by: Councillor Cilevitz

Whereas Richmond Hill has shown, and continues to show, commitment and leadership regarding the natural environment, as outlined in our approved Environment Strategy, Greening the Hill: Our Community, Our Future;

Whereas Richmond Hill is committed to supporting pollinator species, as demonstrated through signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge in 2016, annually proclaiming Pollinator Week, and pursuing actions related to habitat protection, native plants, and public communications;

Whereas the goal of Bee City Canada designation is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for pollinators;

That bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to land fragmentation, habitat loss, use of pesticides, industrialized agriculture, climate change and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for agricultural production and ecosystem health; and

That Richmond Hill and its residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

That supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement among community stewards; and

That by becoming a Bee City, Richmond Hill can highlight initiatives already in place to support pollinators and further engage local communities in the spirit of environmental stewardship;

That staff be authorized to submit the Bee City Canada Application to designate Richmond Hill as a Bee City; and

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That Richmond Hill accepts the Bee City designation and commits to creating pollinator habitat, educating about pollinators, and celebrating pollinators in accordance with the Bee City Canada Program.

Carried Unanimously

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY
