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Re: Pollinator Protection Strategy Report

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

In May 2017, the Environment and Energy Division, in collaboration with City Planning and Parks, Forestry and Recreation, will be providing an update on the City's Pollinator Protection Strategy, which will highlight the need to create and enhance habitat for native pollinator species, and encourage pollinator-friendly native plants to be planted on public and private lands.

Recommendation:

That City staff include in the City's Pollinator Protection Strategy report, scheduled for completion in 2018, the following actions:

1. The creation of a City procurement policy to purchase more native pollinator-friendly plants and to select plants and seeds that have not been treated with neonicotinoids for use in City-managed spaces.
2. The incorporation of these plant purchasing guidelines into tender documents for all City Divisions.
3. The identification of pollinator-friendly plants on the plant list provided to City gardeners

Sincerely,

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