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Attachment 3 - Resolution Designating the City of Toronto a Biophilic City

WHEREAS, the goal of the Biophilic Cities Network is to work collectively to pursue a vision of a city that conserves and celebrates nature in all its forms and provides opportunities for its inhabitants to benefit from biodiversity and wild urban spaces,

From the Indigenous perspective, there is a deep rooted and meaningful relationship in natural stewardship between the people and this place, The City of Toronto is known as a 'City within a Park' and has one of the most extensive ravine systems in the world, covering 11,000 ha or 17 per cent of the city's land area, that forms the heart and soul of a remarkable natural system that spills into the city's parks, neighbourhoods and urban landscape,

The City of Toronto, in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and stakeholders actively pursue protection, restoration and enhancement of the city's natural spaces,

The City of Toronto recognizes the importance of nature in the urban environment and seeks to enhance it through innovative policies, regulations and strategies such as the Ravine and Natural Feature Protection Bylaw, the Toronto Green Standard, the Green Roof Bylaw, the Ravine Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy, and the Pollinator Protection Strategy,

The City of Toronto engages residents in restoration, stewardship and monitoring volunteer activities in the city's parks and natural spaces, The City of Toronto fosters awareness of nature in the urban context through events such as Ravine Days and grant programs such as the Pollinator Stewardship Incentive Program

The City of Toronto creates appreciation of nature through creative approaches such as the publication of 'An Enduring Wilderness: Toronto's Natural Parklands' and the Biodiversity booklet series on the presence of different species in the city including Bees, Butterflies, Spiders, Birds, Amphibians, Mammals, Fish, Trees and Shrubs, and Birds.

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto is committed to share with and learn from other cities in the Biophilic Cities Network in order to advance the conservation and celebration of nature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY TORONTO City COUNCIL THAT:
The CITY OF TORONTO accepts the designation as a Biophilic City.