

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM22.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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Flight of The Monarchs Day Proclamation - by Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor James Pasternak, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council proclaim August 22, 2020 as Flight of the Monarchs Day.

Summary

Monarch butterflies are one of the most iconic and cherished insects in North America. Their epic 5,000-kilometre migration from eastern Canada to the forests of central Mexico begins in late August each year. In 2013, the eastern population of monarch butterflies dropped by 95 percent, resulting in the smallest recorded population since the mid-1990's. Since 2013, the population has rebounded, owing in part to the collective efforts of thousands of individuals, groups and communities across Canada, however the monarch's future remains in peril. Flight of the Monarchs Day is an opportunity to celebrate the growing movement to protect monarch butterflies and the astonishing phenomenon of their migration as their epic journey southward begins. In support of a Toronto and Region Conservation Authority initiative to protect Monarch butterflies, this proclamation will help spread awareness of the need to protect species at risk while supporting community action to restore and enhance local habitat.

Background Information (City Council)

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