

City Council

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Honouring our Horticultural Heritage: Proclaiming 2022 the Year of the Garden in the City of Toronto - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

** 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 Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City of Toronto commit to being a garden friendly City and proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden.
2. City of Toronto proclaim June 19, 2022, as National Garden Day in the City of Toronto.

Summary

Torontonians have a rich history cultivating our natural spaces. The various gardens across our City bring a sense of joy, renewal, and pride to those that create and admire them. The year 2022 will mark the centennial anniversary of Canada's ornamental horticulture sector. With over 100 community gardens across our City, gardening plays an important role in the health and wellbeing of residents. Whether it is taking a walk in the Toronto Botanical Garden, planting flowers in your front yard, or growing fruit and vegetables, gardens play an important role.

Canada's passion for gardening has never been more evident than during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the spring and summer of 2020, many residents turned their yards into practical and beautiful garden sanctuaries, and it is expected that this trend will continue. According to a recent NANOS poll, four out of five Canadians expect to spend the same or more time gardening in 2021, than they did in 2020.

The Year of the Garden has been championed by the Canadian Garden Council, calling on all municipalities to join and bring awareness to this unique celebration. The Year of the Garden 2022 will celebrate the role that gardens play in sustainable development and combatting climate change, improving the health and well-being of Canadians, and driving economic growth.

Background Information (City Council)

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