

MOTION ON NOTICE

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1. The Pollinator Project

At the Regular Council meeting on April 1, 2014, Councillor Reimer submitted the following Notice of Motion.

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS

1. Bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, and other pollinators provide essential ecosystem services by pollinating crops, backyard gardens, fruit trees, and native plants;
2. Honeybee health is declining across North America and many of our native pollinators are susceptible to the same adverse effects of industrial agriculture, urbanization, disease, and pesticide use;
3. Many public green spaces in Vancouver are inhospitable to pollinators because of predominance of frequently maintained turf areas, lack of native plants, and loss of overwintering habitats;
4. Vancouver's Food Strategy includes actions supporting pollinators and community gardens that provide important pollinator habitat.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT staff be directed to develop strategies for supporting pollinators as part of the Biodiversity Strategy and Urban Forest Action Plan.
- B. THAT the City of Vancouver support the Vancouver Park Board in their efforts to:
 - a. raise public awareness about the value of pollinators, facilitate habitat enhancement projects, and assess and monitor pollinator populations.
 - b. develop a brand for promoting pollinators across the city in spring 2014.
 - c. test methods in 2014 for enhancing pollinators such as creating unmowed meadows, planting flowering trees and shrubs, using more native plants in park planting, and restoring overwintering habitats.
- C. THAT staff be directed to work with other City departments to enhance pollinator habitat on City-owned lands and development sites.
- D. THAT staff be directed to provide an update to Council no later than spring 2015.

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