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## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 3. Genetically-Engineered (GE) Free Zone in the City of Vancouver

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

#### WHEREAS

1. Vancouver has adopted strategies with the goal of making our city more bird-friendly and bee-friendly;
2. Some genetically-engineered (GE) organisms incorporate pesticides, particularly neonicotinoids, that scientists have linked to declines in butterfly and bird populations and to bee colony collapse disorder (CCD) which is devastating bee populations;
3. The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) passed a resolution in 2013 to ask the Government of BC to legislate BC as a GE Free area in respect to all plant and animal species;
4. In the absence of provincial legislation, many BC municipalities have declared themselves as GE-Free zones including North Vancouver, Richmond, Saanich, Nelson and Powell River.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. THAT the planting and growing of genetically modified crops, trees, and plants be banned in the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT the City call upon the Federal and Provincial governments to implement a regime of mandatory labelling of all genetically modified organisms (GMOs) for sale in BC and Canada.
- C. THAT the City call upon the Federal and Provincial governments to impose a moratorium on bringing further GMOs to market for sale until a regime of independent and transparent scientific assessment and GMO management is introduced.
- D. THAT staff be directed to investigate the opportunities to ban the sale of GMO crops, meat, fish, poultry and seeds in the City of Vancouver.
- E. THAT this resolution be circulated to the Premier, Prime Minister, all Vancouver MLAs and MPs, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the UBCM.

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