



August 27, 2021

Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford adopted the following resolution at its City Council meeting held on August 24, 2021:

12.2.14 Year of the Garden 2022

WHEREAS the City of Brantford is committed to being a Garden Friendly City, supporting the development of its garden culture; and

WHEREAS the City has a rich tradition of horticultural excellence with more than 180 floral gardens in municipal parks and along City streets, unique mosaic and carpet bed displays as well as annual plantings that enhance public art and historic monuments throughout the community and within the Downtown; and

WHEREAS Equal Grounds Community Gardens coordinates and supports more than 20 active community gardens throughout the City- an initiative that is maintained fully by community residents and volunteers, to provide places for growing local, healthy and nutritious fruits and vegetables in urban neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS the City is proud to be home to landscapes that demonstrate a growing commitment to environmental sustainability and climate action including an emphasis on water conservation, and the use of native plants and species providing food and habitat for bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together, and the entire Country is being asked to proclaim 2022 as the "Year of the Garden";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT, the City of Brantford actively PARTICIPATE in the "Year of the Garden" by promoting beautification initiatives, enhancing plantings city wide, encouraging resident engagement and creating a supporting media campaign, and
- B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to prepare a plan for 2022 that highlights Brantford's gardening excellence and commitment to environmental sustainability, along with the required budget to be submitted to the

Estimates Committee for consideration through the 2022 budget process,
and

- C. THAT this resolution BE SHARED with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, the County of Brant, and all Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Daniels', with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

Tanya Daniels
City Clerk

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