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Kim Gavine General Manager Conservation Ontario 120 Bayview Parkway Newmarket, ON L3Y 3W3

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Dear Ms. Gavine,

Please be advised that the Board of Directors of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) adopted the following resolution at its meeting of July 16, 2021:

<u>Resolution No. FA-147-2021</u> Moved by: Member Mal Woodhouse Seconded by: Member Rick Brady

WHEREAS globally, pollinator species, including bees and monarch butterflies are declining at a concerning rate due to anthropogenic activity such as habitat loss and degradation as well as pollution and climate change;

WHEREAS the dramatic global decline in the pollinator species population could seriously affect the pollination of human food crops around the world;

WHEREAS Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has developed Best Management Practices (BMP's), resources, and guidelines to ensure agricultural practices across the country protect pollinators, and, is collaborating with the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs to advance these resources and BMP's;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is committed to maintaining and enhancing pollinator habitat through its enhanced restoration and stewardship programs, community partnerships, as well as advising land development proponents through planning and development processes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. **THAT** the NPCA **REQUESTS** the support and collaboration of conservation authorities and (through the CAs) their partner municipalities across the Province of Ontario to include the provision of native pollinator habitat with specialized native plant species through future development and redevelopment projects.
- THAT by copy of this motion, NPCA partner municipalities BE REQUESTED to advance the use of native pollinator plant species to promote pollinator habitat through projects on their own lands as well through planning and development processes.

- 3. **THAT** a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for their consideration.
- 4. **AND FURTHER THAT** both the governments of Ontario and Canada **BE REQUESTED** to adopt a plan of action for properties within their control to protect pollinators and plant native pollinator species, and entrench this priority with the appropriate legislation with circulation of NPCA jurisdiction federal and provincial political representatives.

CARRIED

Should you have any questions regarding the above issue, please feel free to contact CAO, Chandra Sharma at <u>csharma@npca.ca</u> or 905-788-3135.

Sincerely,

Grant Bivol

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