



**THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

Resolution No.:

Title: FCM's Growing Canada's Community Canopies Funding Opportunity – Town of Halton Hills Proposal

Date: July 8, 20224

Moved by: Mayor A. Lawlor

Seconded by:

Item No.

WHEREAS the Town of Halton Hills Council's vision of Halton Hills being a nature-rich community, as outlined in the Strategic Plan, can be supported by the enhancement of the Town's tree canopy;

AND WHEREAS planting trees across Halton Hills will provide many benefits to residents including, recreation opportunities, biodiversity, urban cooling, improved air quality, carbon storage, flood mitigation, climate change adaptation and resiliency, enhance the Town's natural environment and assets, and maximize the benefits of the social, economic and ecosystem services provided by an expanded local tree canopy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills Council supports an application for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for the "Growing Halton Hills' Canopy" project, in partnership with Trees for Halton Hills. This project will enhance the Town's tree canopy for the benefit of residents and the natural environment, and will involve:

- Street tree planting and improvement, including an initiative to target low-tree canopy cover areas and vulnerable populations
- Planting of trees in public parks
- Naturalization and restoration tree planting
- Community engagement related to tree planting, in partnership with Trees

- for Halton Hills
- Tree maintenance and monitoring in support of the Town's Natural Asset Management approach

AND FURTHER THAT Council recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within The Town of Halton Hills, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

Mayor Ann Lawlor