



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.:

Title: Credit Vally Conservation (CVC) Tree Planting Project – Support for Funding Application

Date: October 7, 2024

Moved by: Councillor C. Somerville

Seconded by: Councillor R. Norris

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 in the portion of the Credit Valley watershed within Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS planting trees across Halton Hills in the Sliver Creek and Black Creek Subwatersheds, on both public and private property, will provide many benefits to residents, including increased environmental awareness, forest cover and biodiversity, improved soil and water conservation, wildlife habitat and climate change adaptation and resiliency;

AND WHEREAS tree planting sites are prioritized based on CVC's Natural Heritage System and include former marginal agricultural fields, riparian buffers, forest expansion, windbreaks, turf conversion, open spaces and restoration within existing forests impacted by pests and diseases;

AND WHEREAS the proposed CVC Tree Planning Project will complement Town-led environmental and tree planting initiatives, including the Town's July 2024 application for FCM funding, as previously approved via [Council Resolution No. 2024-0121](#);

AND WHEREAS the Town will partner with CVC on this project in order to approve planting locations on Town-owned lands and promote tree planting opportunities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Halton Hills Council supports Credit Valley Conservation's application for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for three tree planting projects in the Town of Halton Hills:

1. Forestry Rural Tree Planting Project: 500 trees on private rural properties
2. Community Stewardship Tree Planting Project: 675 trees on Town-owned lands
3. Urban Home Planting Project: 100 trees on private urban properties

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