

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

Notice of Motion / Avis de motion

Committee / Commission:

Council / Conseil

Report / Agenda: City Council Agenda 64 – November 10, 2021

Item / Article: Notices of Motion for Consideration at Subsequent Meeting

Re: Year of the Garden 2022

Moved by / Motion de: **Councillor M. Fleury**
Seconded by / Appuyée par: **Councillor T. Tierney**

WHEREAS *Communities in Bloom* in collaboration with the *Canadian Garden Council*, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden; and

WHEREAS Indigenous peoples and settlers have a long history of relating to, stewarding and growing plants on these lands; and

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden celebrates a designated Centennial of Canada's ornamental horticulture sector; 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

WHEREAS the *Ottawa Community Gardening Network*, coordinated by *Just Food*, supported by the City of Ottawa, is celebrating 25 years of community engagement and garden development in 2022; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, including mitigating food insecurity and social isolation; and

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden will highlight and celebrate the important contributions of our local gardening organizations and horticulture professionals and businesses; and

WHEREAS National Garden Day is June 18, 2022, and celebrating this day in the

**City of Ottawa will contribute to the legacy of Canada's *Year of the Garden 2022*;
and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is committed to be a Garden Friendly City,
supporting the development of its garden culture;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa City Council proclaim 2022 as the
Year of the Garden in Ottawa, in celebration of the contribution of gardens,
gardening and community gardening to improving the lives of our community
members in terms of health, food security, beauty, quality of life, biodiversity, and
environmental sustainability.**