Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – July 14, 2021

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Item No. 17 2022 Year of the Garden

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee, as amended, and recommended to Council:

1. That Council recognize 2022 as the Year of the Garden.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee be concurred in, with the following amendment and forwarded to Council:

- In Recommendation 1, delete the words "and that the City of Winnipeg recognize the Saturday before Father's Day (June 19, 2022) as National Garden Day in the City of Winnipeg"

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 8, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS 2022 marks the centennial of Canada's ornamental horticulture sector on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Garden Council is committed to celebrating the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our cities and the lives of Canadians in terms of health, quality of life, reconciliation, inclusion and environmental challenges;

AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening have greatly helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic and made it possible to view the recovery with optimism;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS Canadians across the country will be commemorating Canada's garden heritage, celebrating today's vibrant garden culture and creating legacies for a sustainable future;

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will engage Canadians with:

- Our garden culture and history;
- The importance of public and private gardens and our urban landscapes;
- The health, well-being benefits of gardening;
- The values and aesthetic benefits of gardens;
- The positive environmental impact of gardens, as well as the important contribution of horticulture professionals to our garden culture;
- Our quality of life and the economy of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will be an opportunity for new and seasoned garden and gardening enthusiasts, families, schools, and tourists alike, to go out into their own garden, visit a public garden, and urban park or garden centre, participate in a garden activity or even a festival to stimulate and increase their garden and gardening passion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assiniboia Community Committee recommends to the Executive Policy Committee that Council recognize 2022 as the Year of the Garden, and that the City of Winnipeg recognize the Saturday before Father's Day (June 19, 2022) as National Garden Day in the City of Winnipeg.