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Item No. 40 Recognition of National Forest Week and National Tree Day

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That September 18 to 24, 2022, be recognized as National Forest Week and September 21, 2022, as National Tree Day.

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

The Chairperson called Councillor Allard to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS forests enrich the lives of Winnipeggers by enticing them to head outdoors and engage in healthy, active lifestyles;

AND WHEREAS trees help mitigate the harmful effects of climate change, including extreme heat events and erosion due to severe weather;

AND WHEREAS forests are critical to our City's biodiversity, providing shelter and food to wildlife;

AND WHEREAS trees and forests contribute to cleaner air as well as cleaner water;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon City Council to continue efforts - including investment and community engagement like the Million Tree Challenge - to ensure the survival, preservation and renewal of trees and forests for future generations;

AND WHEREAS raising awareness throughout the year helps ensure trees and forests are given the consideration and resources they are due;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Council recognize September 18 to 24, 2022, as National Forest Week and September 21, 2022, as National Tree Day.

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

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Mayes, Rollins	6
Nay:		0

Carried

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.