



PROCLAMATION

Pollinator Week

June 17 – 23, 2024

Whereas the City of Kingston has declared the right of its residents to a healthy environment; and

Whereas pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

Whereas pollinator species such as birds, bats, and insects are essential partners of farmers and area gardeners in producing much of our food supply; and

Whereas pollination plays a vital role in the health of forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and woodlands; and

Whereas groups such as the Butterfly Project, alongside other groups and agencies, support the community in the creation and maintenance of viable pollinator habitat; and

Whereas the health and population of bees and wild pollinators is declining globally due to loss of habitat, disease, exposure to pesticides and climate change.

Therefore, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the week of June 17 – 23 to be “Pollinator Week” in the City of Kingston.

Dated at Kingston this 22nd day of May, 2024.

Bryan Paterson
Mayor