



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
Notice of Motion

Department: CAO
Division: Office of the City Clerk
Report Number: 2024-26-Council Members
Meeting Date: September 10, 2024
Subject: Bird-Friendly City By-laws

Proposed by: Councillor Sarah Grant

Seconded by: Councillor

Whereas the City of Cornwall recognizes the importance of fostering a healthy and sustainable environment; and

Whereas birds play a critical role in maintaining ecological balance, controlling pest populations, pollinating plants, dispersing seeds, and supporting the food system; and

Whereas the City of Cornwall committed to becoming a Bird-Friendly City in December 2022; and

Whereas certain measures can be taken to protect bird populations from common urban threats; and

Whereas the Bird Friendly City Certification Program through Nature Canada provides a framework and recognition for cities that meet specific criteria to protect bird populations; and



Whereas the Cornwall Bird Friendly City Committee submitted an application to become designated but missed the minimum threshold by 4 points of the required 26 to achieve entry-level certification; and

Whereas achieving certification will bring benefits such as increased community awareness, tourism opportunities, and enhanced local biodiversity.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Cornwall implement the following by-laws:

1. A No-Roam cat By-law to restrict domestic cats from roaming freely outdoors in order to protect local bird populations.
2. A Snag Protection By-law to preserve dead or dying trees in areas where public safety is not compromised, providing vital habitat for birds.
3. A light pollution strategy requiring that all newly installed municipal lighting be 3000K or less to minimize the adverse effects on bird migration and behavior.
4. A municipal ban on the use of pesticides to safeguard bird health and ensure a more sustainable and bird-friendly environment.
5. A requirement for the installation of bird-friendly window tape on all municipal buildings over the next five years and an initiative to promote its use on private buildings to prevent bird collisions.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the City of Cornwall take the necessary steps to educate the community about these new By-laws and the benefits of becoming a Bird-Friendly City, fostering greater environmental stewardship and awareness among its residents.

Now therefore be it further resolved that the City of Cornwall reapply for the Bird Friendly City Certification through Nature Canada upon implementation of these measures to achieve the required points for entry-level certification, thereby enhancing the City's commitment to protecting bird populations and promoting a sustainable environment.

Now therefore be it further resolved that Administration report back with the feasibility for implementing the suggested changes in order to bring the City of Cornwall closer to achieving its designation as an entry-level Bird Friendly City.