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Mayor Valerie Plante  
155 Rue Notre-Dame Est  
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Dear Mayor Plante:

City Council, at its meeting held on May 10, 2023, approved Item #1 of Planning Committee Report 23-007 which reads as follows:

1. **Draft Biodiversity Action Plan for Consultation (PED21065(c)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**
  - (d) That the Clerk provide written communication to the Ville de Montreal to confirm that the City of Hamilton will become a signatory to The Montreal Pledge – Cities United in Action for Biodiversity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Holland".

Andrea Holland  
City Clerk

# THE MONTREAL PLEDGE CITIES UNITED IN ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY



Cities are at the forefront in observing biodiversity loss and being impacted by its effects. As local governments, they are also well placed to take rapid, concrete action to halt this decline.

At the COP-15 conference on biodiversity, taking place in Montréal from December 7 to 19, 2022, the countries of the world will adopt the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. As this major event approaches, Montréal Mayor and ICLEI Global Ambassador for Local Biodiversity Valérie Plante is calling on cities to continue and accelerate their actions towards protecting biodiversity and ecosystems.

Cities are invited to commit to 15 concrete actions, in coherence with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. These actions are also coherent with the CitiesWithNature initiative and the C40 Urban Nature Accelerator.

With this strong commitment, the signatory cities of the Montréal Pledge will demonstrate the leadership and ambition of cities around the world to act swiftly and influence their partners to do the same, in order to reverse the trend and protect our biodiversity.

## REDUCE THREATS TO BIODIVERSITY

- 1 Integrate biodiversity into territorial and regulatory planning
- 2 Restore and rehabilitate ecosystems and their connectivity
- 3 Conserve existing natural environments through protected areas and other effective and equitable measures
- 4 Ensure the conservation and recovery of vulnerable species, both wild and domestic, and effectively manage their interactions with humans
- 5 Control or eradicate invasive alien species to eliminate or reduce their impacts
- 6 Reduce pollution from all sources to levels that do not adversely affect biodiversity, ecosystem functions or human health
- 7 Aim to eliminate plastic waste
- 8 Aim to reduce pesticide use by at least two-thirds
- 9 Contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation measures through ecosystem-based approaches

**THE MONTREAL PLEDGE** In order to inspire other cities to follow in taking bold action for biodiversity, Pledge signatory cities will be invited to voluntarily track their progress towards the Pledge commitments on the [CitiesWithNature Action Platform](#), a platform recognized by the [CBD](#) to report on cities' commitments to global biodiversity target.

## SHARE THE BENEFITS OF BIODIVERSITY

- 10 Aim to ensure that urban agriculture, aquaculture and forestry zones are accessible, sustainably managed and contribute to food security
- 11 Prioritize nature-based solutions to protect against extreme weather events and hazards and to regulate air and water quality
- 12 Increase the amount of green and blue spaces and improve equitable access to them

## SOLUTIONS, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION

- 13 Integrate biodiversity into governance frameworks and public policies, and increase financial resources allocated to its conservation and sustainable use.
- 14 Through citizen education and participation, help ensure that people and businesses are encouraged to make responsible choices toward biodiversity and have the resources and knowledge to do so
- 15 Ensure the equitable and effective participation of Indigenous peoples and local communities in decision-making and in the process of knowledge acquisition and transmission