



Declaration
City Council meeting of June 12, 2017

Article 15.02

Commitment by the Ville de Montréal to protect monarch butterflies

Whereas the monarch butterflies are an iconic North American species;

Whereas their exceptional migration and their fascinating life cycle appeal to the imaginations of millions of citizens;

Whereas the monarch population has declined by 90% in North America over the past 20 years;

Whereas scientists attribute this decline to the degradation and loss of reproduction habitats;

Whereas municipalities have a crucial role to play in the recovery of this species, by creating reproduction habitats on their territories, adopting by-laws to protect it, sharing information on the subject and inviting the public to take part in citizen science programs;

Whereas the Ville de Montréal has already taken several steps to help protect monarch butterflies, including the My Space for Life Garden program, which invites citizens to create their own Monarch Oasis; Mission Monarch, a citizen science program piloted by the Montréal Insectarium; and the different actions taken by the Saint-Laurent borough, including establishing a Monarch Watch station on the vacant site next to the woods in Parc Marcel-Laurin;

It is moved by Denis Coderre

seconded by Manon Gauthier
Réal Ménard
Alan DeSousa

Be it resolved:

That the Ville de Montréal officially commit itself to helping to restore monarch habitats by continuing to implement measures to protect the species and encouraging its citizens to participate in these efforts, so that these magnificent butterflies can once again flourish all over the continent.

That the Mayor of Montréal sign the Mayors' Monarch Pledge to make Montréal a monarch-friendly city.