



Report Number: EC2022-0357

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2022 March 15

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Official City Bird

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Penner

WHEREAS Calgary has an active biodiversity strategy which encourages a healthy urban living in balance with the natural areas and creatures that share our city;

AND WHEREAS Calgary was designated a Bird Friendly City in 2021 by Nature Canada;

AND WHEREAS Nature Canada recommends that to retain our Bird Friendly certification the City is to designate a 'City Bird' via a public vote;

AND WHEREAS Bird Friendly Calgary has shortlisted five bird species to be voted upon by the public;

AND WHEREAS Bird Friendly Calgary will be providing background information and educational material to support the vote;

AND WHEREAS Designation of a City Bird is supported by the BiodiverCity Advisory Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ...

That administration support the selection of a City Bird through an online voting system in partnership with Bird Friendly Calgary from April 1-May 1;

That the results of the official City Bird vote are announced on World Migratory Bird Day on 2022 May 14; and

That the winner of the official City Bird vote is adopted and recognized as a official symbol of Calgary at the 2022 June 7 Combined Meeting of Council