

## **Litter-Free City Motion**

**Whereas** Brampton is a green city with more than 9,000 acres of parkland and residents can enjoy more than 850 parks, many recreational amenities, open spaces, paths and trails; and

**Whereas** maintaining these spaces clean of litter requires the efforts of an entire community and the support of its local government, conservation authorities, community groups, schools, neighbourhood associations, small businesses, corporations and more; and

**Whereas** the City of Brampton has an existing community clean-up initiative which engages groups and individual volunteers; and

**Whereas** many community groups have organized clean-ups across the city such as BGC Peel, Bramalea SNAP, Fletchers Creek SNAP, County Court SNAP, TRCA, CVCA, Peel Climate Council along with many others; and

**Whereas** a citizen-led group called People Against Littering (P.A.L.'s), has inspired hundreds of dedicated volunteers to spend time and pick up over three million pieces of litter from its parks and greenspaces across the city; and

**Whereas** P.A.L.'s and other community groups have received support from small businesses and corporations in their efforts; and

**Whereas** P.A.L.'s., is led by the leadership of Bill Godfrey who has a dream of making Brampton a litter-free city, and having a litter-free city is an ideal that Brampton should embrace and develop a plan to a scale across the city, including providing financial and organizational support, to make the dream of a litter-free city become a reality;

**Therefore be it resolved** that Staff convene a meeting that brings P.A.L.S. and other community groups and other stakeholders such as but not limited to the Brampton Environmental Alliance, Peel Community Climate Council, BIA, TRCA, CVC, Ontario Ministry of Transportation, sports organizations, places of worship, and small and large business, and potential park sponsors to review their process and coordination efforts to identify gaps in maintaining a clean city and report back to Council in Q4 with input from these groups on how to inspire and leverage the power of these groups and their volunteers in making Brampton Canada's first litter free city.

*Unanimously carried by Council*