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**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE
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WHEREAS, tree health and canopy in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake are of utmost importance to all residents; and

WHEREAS, many trees on Town owned property have died due to disease and age; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake was identified as having a low tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the Town currently lacks appropriate resources and polices to implement a frame of reference to proceed; and

WHEREAS, appropriate funding has not been allocated in previous budgets to assess tree health, canopy or lack thereof; and

WHEREAS, some agencies, like the Niagara Parks Commission have a policy for an annual net increase in their tree canopy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Staff to complete an inventory of all Town trees and create a policy to replace the dead and missing trees and increase the tree canopy on municipal property, including the rural area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council allocate funds in the budget to support this plan.