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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

DATE: **September 27, 2020** RESOLUTION NO. Choose an item.

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WHEREAS the spotted lanternfly is an invasive species from Asia that eats plants including grape vines:

AND WHEREAS this pest has been identified in New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Prince Edward Country;

WHEREAS this pest has no natural predators in North America, and there is no effective pesticide or other eradication method available to reduce its population;

AND WHEREAS the spotted lanternfly poses a potentially devastating risk to tender fruit agriculture and viticulture in Niagara, particularly in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Town of Lincoln;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to facilitate discussions and research on this matter through an agenda item and report to the Agricultural Committee, meeting with the Town of Lincoln's Chief Administrative Officer, Niagara North Federation of Agriculture and the Grape Growers of Ontario;

AND FURTHER that the Town's Chief Administrative Officer and Council representatives on the Niagara-on-the-Lake Agricultural Committee, and the Lord Mayor if available, attend all related meetings for discussion, planning and strategic action to address the pending arrival of this pest in Niagara;

AND FURTHER that any findings from these meetings, discussion and research be brought to Council for information in a future report.