

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: 2019 UBCM Community Excellence Award

THAT Council support the submission of the Munson Pond Naturalization Project for consideration of a 2019 UBCM Community Excellence Award.

BACKGROUND:

The Munson Pond Naturalization Project demonstrated the value of strong community partnership and engagement in support of important environmental values in Kelowna's rapidly urbanizing landscape.

Partnering with the Central Okanagan Land Trust (COLT), the City of Kelowna was able to build and open new trails, boardwalks and viewing platforms for public enjoyment of this park, with over 9 hectares of natural area. The project enjoyed wide public support and contributions from many community groups in the form of research, planting and engagement.

The park is a magnet for both resident and migratory birds, and many flora and fauna species, including species at risk. The project transformed the site into an amenity while improving wildlife habitat and repairing important riparian values.

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