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Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Cannington Horticultural Society, I am urgently contacting you regarding a topic on the agenda for the 24 June 2024 Council Meeting, specifically Item 14, By-Laws, By-law Number 3259-2024 Being a By-law Respecting the Maintenance of Boulevards. The By-Law includes provision for Boulevard Gardens [Schedule 'A' to By-Law 3259-2024] as well as a Boulevard Planting Guide [Schedule "B" to By-Law 3259-2024]. The Planting Guide includes a list of plants to consider including within a boulevard garden.

We note that two of the plants included in the list are considered to be invasive and strongly recommend to amend Schedule "B" to exclude them. The two plants of concern are *Lysimachia species*, Creeping Jenny (recommendation to avoid due to the invasive tendency) and *Pachysandra species*, Japanese spurge (on the Watch List as it can be invasive in natural settings). Please refer to the Toronto Master Gardener Invasive Plants Guide (refer to this link: <https://www.torontomastergardeners.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Overview.pdf>) and A Guide for Southern Ontario – Grow Me Instead (<https://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Southern-Grow-Me-Instead-1.pdf>).

We are very pleased that the Township of Brock is supporting the development of boulevard gardens and are delighted with the recommendation for at least 75% if the plants to be native to Ontario and not invasive species. Our proposed revision to exclude the above-noted plants will assist Brock residents in making thoughtful choices when creating their boulevard gardens.

We appreciate that issues and knowledge related to gardening and ecology are continuously evolving and our Club utilizes the knowledge and expertise of a broad network, including speakers, members and published resources, to continuously educate us on best practices. We welcome any opportunities to provide guidance or address questions to support the Township of Brock on horticultural topics.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marg Munro', with a long, sweeping underline.

Marg Munro
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