

## Bee City Renewal - Entry #32

<b>Name of City, Town or Municipality</b> Brandon
<b>Province</b> Manitoba
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<b>Are you the primary contact person?</b> Yes
<b>Briefly summarize your Bee City experience during the past year. Please include information about challenges, feedback, and media responses.</b> <p>Bee City Brandon in its infancy has seen a positive impact engaging the community about native pollinators. In the fall we applied to be under Nature Manitoba's umbrella, this will allow us to be able to apply to grants and create more partnerships and opportunities.</p> <p>We have been busy on social media and community presentations this past year, this has resulted in a few more members on our committee.</p>
<b>Please tell us about your community's efforts to reduce the use of pesticides.</b> City has a pesticide by law not to use pesticides on City owned green spaces

**Outline community initiatives focusing on habitat creation and restoration. If possible, include a plant list.**

The Daly House Museum is in year two of a three year habitat project to include the following species:

- Blue Eyed Grass
- Three-Flowered Avens (in Victorian Garden, not yet in pollinator garden)
- Early Blue Violet (maybe some Canadian White Violet, but didn't see that bloom last summer, just leaves)
- Fleabane
- Meadow Rue
- Giant Hyssop
- Harebell
- Big Blue Stem
- Reed Canary
- Indian Grass (low bunch grass for shelter)
- Swamp Milkweed
- Showy/Common Milkweed
- Narrow-leaved Sunflower
- Pearly Everlasting
- Yarrow
- Purple Prairie clover
- Prairie Rose
- Purple Bee Balm
- Richardson's Alumroot
- False Sunflower
- Red Columbine

**How did your community promote being a Bee City?**

Bee City Brandon has been active on social media:

- Facebook (213 followers)
- Twitter (29 followers)
- Instagram (551 followers)

We took part and promoted Pollinator week, did a delegation to our City Council where local media is present. We have a section on the Brandon Environment website. <http://www.brandonenvironment.ca>

In spring of 2018 the Brandon Sun did a feature article and one of our MLA's did a private member statement in the Manitoba legislature to recognize Brandon as the first Bee City in Manitoba.

In the spring to promote Bee City and pollinator week we put up a temporary banner at a main intersection in the middle of the city.

One of our members designed a beautiful BEE City Brandon logo, we have printed business cards with BEE City Brandon info on them to hand to those who wish to learn more about pollinators.

This past summer we partnered with Brandon in Bloom Miracle-Gro Contest Best Garden Selection to judge which garden was pollinator friendly.

**Please tell us about your efforts aimed at educating your community, including residents, city employees, contractors, children and other groups.**

This past year Bee City Brandon did a number of presentations to different groups in the community:

- Friends of the Blue Birds – April 2018
- Eco Days – May 2018
- Enviro Expo at Assiniboine Community College – June 2018
- Seedy Saturday- Feb.2019
- Kids for Saving Earth, George Fitton School – April 2019
- Eco Days – May 2019
- Enviro Expo at Brandon University – June 2019
- Delegation to City Council – June 2019
- Pollinator Party – June 2019
- Pollinator Book reading and crafts at Westman Regional Library – June 2019
- Rock painting and nature walk at Riverbank Discovery Centre – June 2019
- Presentation at Rotary Village – August 2019
- Presentation to Westman Region of the Wildlife Society Manitoba - November 2019

On our Facebook page we promote different literature pieces relating to bees from different time periods in history.

**Please tell us about your community's participation in National Pollinator Week celebrations and other events.**

In 2019 our mayor proclaimed Pollinator Week in Brandon. We presented to council, did a book reading and crafts at the Westman Regional Library and had a display of pollinator books. We hosted a pollinator party in partnership with the Green Acres Community Center Nature Conservancy of Canada, and BEE Better Manitoba.

**Describe your plans for creating, improving and maintaining pollinator habitat during the next year.**

Daly house garden is going in third year, transplanted. We are creating a plan to work with the City to have a small habitat project in 2020. We are also brainstorming ideas of how to work with the business sector to promote how to create pollinator habitats.

**File Uploads**

[SeedySaturdayFeb2013.jpg](#)

**File Uploads 2**

[PollinatorParty22019.jpg](#)

**Has your City/Town/Municipality created a Bee City website or webpage?**

Yes

**If you answered "Yes", please provide the URL of your Bee City webpage.**

<http://www.brandonenvironment.ca>

**Bee City Renewal Fees**

25,001 – 50,000 population - \$300

**We welcome your comments and suggestions to help us improve Bee City Canada.**

fee has been sent in mid January.

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