



Bee City Renewal 2020

Name of City, Town or Municipality

District of Clearwater

Province

British Columbia

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Are you the primary contact person?

Yes

Briefly summarize your Bee City experience during the past year. Please include information about challenges, feedback, and media responses.

- Supported community and school gardens by assisting with watering, providing some staff / contractor time to upkeep school gardens during the summer months when school is closed – CUPE Staff from School District
- Followed a policy to select pollinator friendly plants including native trees, shrubs, and grasses for our community parks. - -
- Encouraged our community and local gardeners to plant herbs and vegetables that are pollinators – through use of our newsletter, facebook, website.
- worked to ensure parks and boulevard areas that have waterways had a buffer area that was not mowed to increase naturalization and to protect the water – Parks Contractor.

Challenges - we had planned to encourage and organize an annual garden tour including both flower and vegetables – due to a significant downturn in our economy when we lost our mayor employer (Canfor mill closure) we shifted our Community Recreation Healthy Living focus to mental health programs.

There was many good things that did take place.

Please tell us about your community's efforts to reduce the use of pesticides.

Did not adopt a "pesticide free" free policy for District properties and encourage community members to abide by the same – administration to research and draft for Council consideration. Due to capacity issues as noted above.

We did however encourage citizens within our newsletters, website and Facebook page to not use pesticides.

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

The District of Clearwater is reviewing our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws to encourage and create bee friendly habitat.

District planted pollinator plants in our parks and boluwards.

How did your community promote being a Bee City?

The District used our social media platforms to highlight Pollinator Week (June 17th to 23rd) we worked with the local Bee Club and Farmers Market to highlight International Bee Pollinator Week - Saturday June 22, 2019

Worked with the Thompson Nicola Regional District Library Director to host educational events at the local library in Clearwater –

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

The District provided some educational information bulletins on the Districts social media forums – Facebook, website, newsletters, in Community Recreation / Healthy Living Guide, local newspaper and signage in parks where pollinators are planted.

Municipal hall, the local grocery store, local library and sports arena with TV monitors cycled through information pertinent to community services and municipal initiatives – including our Bee City designation and commitment

Worked with Yellowhead Community Services – Food Security Program Coordinator to host education sessions, herb planting workshop, best bee pollinator plantings

To 1750 households in the community and surrounding area - sent newsletter in April community newsletter on how to plan a garden for pollinators. Bee Showy, Bee Bountiful, and Bee Patient with flowers and vegetables in your garden!!

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

Presentation at the Local Farmer's Market - on Jun 22 2019 to showcase International Bee Pollinator Week.

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

- Work with the Invasive Species Council of BC to participate in a "Community Weed Pull" (Clearwater Bee Club)
- Clearwater Secondary School will incorporate more pollinator friendly plants in the school vegetable garden and grounds
- Put on a Garden Tour (YCS)
- "Save the dandelions" campaign via social media and community events (Clearwater Bee Club and YCS)
- Seedy Saturday info booth (Clearwater Bee Club)

Provide information about any events, activities or initiatives that you have organized and would like highlighted through our social media channels.

production and sale of Bee Friendly signs
newsletter articles

File Uploads

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

No

Bee City Renewal Fees

Less than 1000 population - FREE

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

there is no community size on this list the fits the Distict of Clearwater - we are at 2383 for popluation