



Bee City Renewal 2022

Name of City, Town, Municipality or First Nation

City of Chestermere

Province

Alberta

Applicant's Name

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Are you the primary contact person?

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

2021 highlights:

The Rotary Club and volunteers began construction of an edible garden as part of their Community Abundance project.

The Parks Department planted over 250 native perennials as part of our Naturalization Area Rehabilitation project.

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

The Parks Department follows Integrated Pest Management practices, to ensure that whenever possible, other cultural practices are followed before applying pesticides for weed control. Our seasonal turf maintenance program includes aerating, top-dressing and fertilization to improve turf health and reduce weed infestations.

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

The Rotary Club approached the City in 2019 with a plan to improve food security to residents through a Community Abundance project. Their first initiative is the "Rotary Edible Garden Walk". This consists of an extensive planting of fruit trees and shrubs as well as many perennial plants with an accessible walking path, benches and signage to guide visitors through the garden. With some help from the Parks Department, construction began in the spring of 2021. The walking path and plant material was installed by many enthusiastic volunteers.

The Naturalization Area Rehabilitation program is a multi-year plan to improve our storm water retention ponds and canals by planting native plant material and displacing noxious weed populations.

How did your community promote being a Bee City?

We have a webpage on the City website that gets updated every year and during National Pollinator Week we direct people to the site and encourage them to take the Pollinator Pledge.

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

The website is our focus for getting the word out to our residents.

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

The communications department at the City of Chestermere runs a social media campaign during National Pollinator Week.

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

The Parks Department is hoping to continue with the rehabilitation of our natural areas by planting trees, shrubs and perennials this season. Whenever new plant material is added to an existing park, every effort is made to plant flowering trees and shrubs that would be beneficial to pollinators.

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

none at this time

Upload Files



[Rotary-Edible-Garden-Plan.jpg](#)

Has your City/Town/Municipality/First Nation posted Bee City Canada signage?

No

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

Yes

Please provide the URL of your Bee City webpage.

<https://www.chestermere.ca/662/Bee-City>

Bee City Renewal Fees

10,001 – 25,000 population - \$200