



# Bee City Renewal 2023

**Name of City, Town, Municipality or First Nation**

Duncan

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**Province**

British Columbia

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**Applicant's Name**

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**Applicant's Job Title**

Director of Corporate Services

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**Are you the primary contact person?**

Yes

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**Pollinator Team Members**

Mayor Michelle Staples, Councillor Carol Newington

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

With very limited staff resources, we've been focused on finding ways to incorporate bee friendly initiatives into the work that the City is already doing.

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

The City of Duncan does not use pesticides on City lands, but it is currently without a formal policy. Staff recommend including pesticide use restrictions in the future integrated pest management plan.

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

The Cowichan Green Community has undertaken a native species planting project in Rotary Park, with the support of the Parks Department. These areas are signed as meadow making in progress, with reference to both native species planting and supporting pollinators. There are also large areas of Rotary, McAdam and Centennial Park that are unmanicured, which supports pollinators.

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

The City's Bee City webpage includes information. Council also approve purchasing a promotional flag to be used at partner organization events.

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

The City encouraged residents to provide diverse and abundant nectar and pollen producing plants, blooming in succession from earl spring to late autumn. This was accomplished through Facebook posts during Pollinator Week.

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

Cowichan Beekeeper Society promoted Honey Bee Day, May 29th, by hosting a stall at the Farmers' Market, which included an setting up an observation hive and distributing lists of pollinator friendly plants and bee and butterfly craft bags for kids.

Cowichan Green Community celebrated Pollinator Month, as part of the City funded Resiliency Project, with events held in City parks.

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

The City plans to create an area in Centennial Park where ther

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

No

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

Yes

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**Please provide the URL of your Bee City webpage.**

<https://duncan.ca/bee-city/>

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**Bee City Renewal Fees**

5,000 – 10,000 population - \$150