

May 11th, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Prince George Bee Club, I would like to make a proposal to the City of Prince George.

I would first like to take the opportunity to thank the City for supporting our Annual General Meeting of the BC Honey Producers Association that was held in Prince George in Oct 2020. Your support helped our organization reach its goals of providing support and information to bee keepers in British Columbia.

Our local club, which is an affiliate of the BCHPA meets once a month to share knowledge and support to the local bee keepers. We have a membership in excess of 200 people who share the same interest in raising bees for both honey and pollination. Our community shares the benefit of our bees which help to provide the necessary ingredient for plant grow, both for food and aesthetics.

This brings me back to the proposal to the City. While the City gardeners provide a huge number of plants and flowers throughout the City lands, our PG Bee Club would like to suggest that at every opportunity, bee friendly pollinator plants are placed in the soil. There are a large variety of bee friendly flowers available, as well as a number of trees and shrubs. We feel that by increasing these varieties, the benefits to our bee population would be greatly enhanced. It has also been suggested that since dandelions are the first nectar source of the year for the bees, any possible delays in cutting the early dandelion blossoms would also help provide a great start to the bee's food sources.

We welcome the opportunity to provide any assistance we can. I have spoken with the local nursery owner Jos Van Hage, who is interested in provide any assistance he can with bee friendly varieties.

We look forward to your consideration of our proposal and again, welcome the opportunity to provide suggestions.

Sincerely
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