



Urban Honey Bee Proposal

Fort Saskatchewan,
Alberta

Urban Honey Bees

- The Importance of Bees
- Agriculture
- Urban
- Opportunities for Small Local Business
- Safety and Education
- Community Benefits
- Proposal



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The Importance of Bees

- "Of the 100 crop species that provide 90% of the food world wide 70 are pollinated by bees" United Nations 2011
- Colony Collapse Disorder threatens all populations of honeybees



Agriculture in Alberta

- Increases production of commercial crops
- Thriving honey bee industry in Alberta
- Supported by the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Beekeeping Education and Extensions Sources

Importance of Honeybees Urban Landscape

- Maintains Biodiversity
- Increased pollination
 - Higher production in back yard gardens
 - Healthier flowers
 - Benefits to bordering agriculture
- Local production of Honey

Opportunities for Small Business

- Honey produce merchantable products:
 - Honey, Wax and Propolis
- These can also be further developed into
 - Candles
 - Beauty Products
 - Medicinal Products
 - Mead
- Beekeeping supplies market
 - Creation of require equipment
 - Sale of queen bees



Safety and Education

- Will Honeybees sting myself or my children?
 - Wasps, Mason bees and Hornets
- Education
 - Beekeepers
 - Neighbors



Community Benefits

- Connection to ones community and land
- Increase pollination and production of local gardens providing more community grown food
- Educational experiences for adults and children.
- Small business opportunities
- A list of people that can help with natural swarms



Proposal

- Work with the City of Fort Saskatchewan to permit Urban Honey Bees with in the City.
- Completed through a potential Land Use Bylaw Amendment