Village of Dunnottar

Matlock, MB

Mayor Rick Gamble

Pledge Summary

The Village of Dunnottar is a small lakeside community of just under 800 year-round residents located on the western shore of Lake Winnipeg. Dunnottar consists of an amalgamation of three lakeside communities: Matlock, Whytewold, and Ponemah. Dunnottar's local economy consists mainly of a few retail shops and services, which support the seasonal cottagers and summer influx of visitors. Lake Winnipeg is known for its commercial fishery, with many residents making a living from the summer and winter harvests. Dunnottar and most of the surrounding area owes its biggest tourist attraction to Lake Winnipeg. The shoreline of most of the southern basin consists of several kilometres of white sandy beaches – among the finest in the province. There has been a decline in the amount of wildlife habitat within the Village of Dunnottar boundaries, such as the endangered Piping Plover, due to the developed nature of the community and the extensive use of the shoreline. Within the Village of Dunnottar there are public spaces reserves and road allowances. The Village of Dunnottar recognizes the importance of biodiversity conservation in the midst of competing land uses. The Village of Dunnottar Development Plan and Zoning By-Law outline objectives and policies that have been put into place to help ensure the future security of the Village of Dunnottar Natural Areas. While residents are currently engaged in activities and programs to protect and reclaim local natural areas, this will require constant effort to see the positive results. Intergenerational consideration must be given to land use planning and education so that spaces like wetlands, and the benefits they provide, are nurtured.

Action Items Committed for 2021

Communications and Convening

- Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.
- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

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Action Items

In total, how many individuals have been reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan-Dec)? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

500

Of the total number of individuals engaged, how many youth (0-18) were reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan. - Dec.)? If none, please write 0." (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.)

75

In total, how many acres of monarch habitat have been created in your city in the last 12 months? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 3). Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Where was the habitat created this year? Example locations may include residences, schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, shared public spaces, and more.

We have various gardens throughout the Village that are home different species of milkweed, along with many residents planting in their own yards

How are you leveraging the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program to engage marginalized communities, such as low-income communities or communities of color?

As we are a very small municipality, we consider the entire municipality as one community

What was your community's motivation for taking and continuing to work on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge?

citizen request

What resources have been most helpful to you thus far and what new resources would you like to see to help meet your goals? What resources would be useful to help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

We have been very pleased with the resources provided thus far and look forward to see what is next

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Selected Action Items

Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Date of Proclamation:

Title of Proclamation (i.e. – Monarch Day or Pollinator Week):

Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.

Where is the demonstration garden located and how does this location relate to the cultural significance of the monarch (if relevant)? (Please provide an address or coordinates, if possible)

Our main demonstration garden is located at our main beach and is visited by numerous persons each year

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

We have partnered with our local gardening club and various residents within the Village

What is the size of the demonstration garden (in acres)? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 0.5 acres). For reference, 1 acre = 43,560 square feet and is about the size of a football field without the end zones. Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

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Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.

Please describe the groups you engaged with and how you engaged with these groups below.

We engaged with the local gardening club along with posts on social media and our newsletter to educate residents on native milkweeds

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