

# Building Pollinator Habitats Survey

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

17 June 2019 - 17 August 2023

**PROJECT NAME:**

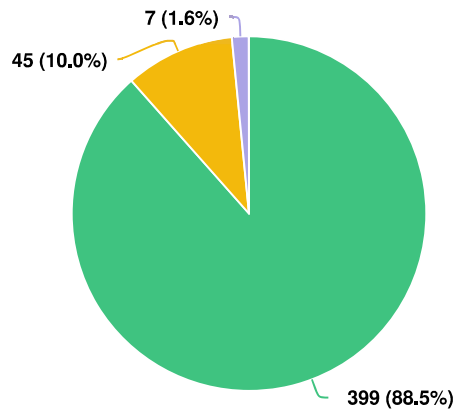
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# SURVEY QUESTIONS

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**Q1 | Are you a resident of Kawartha Lakes?**

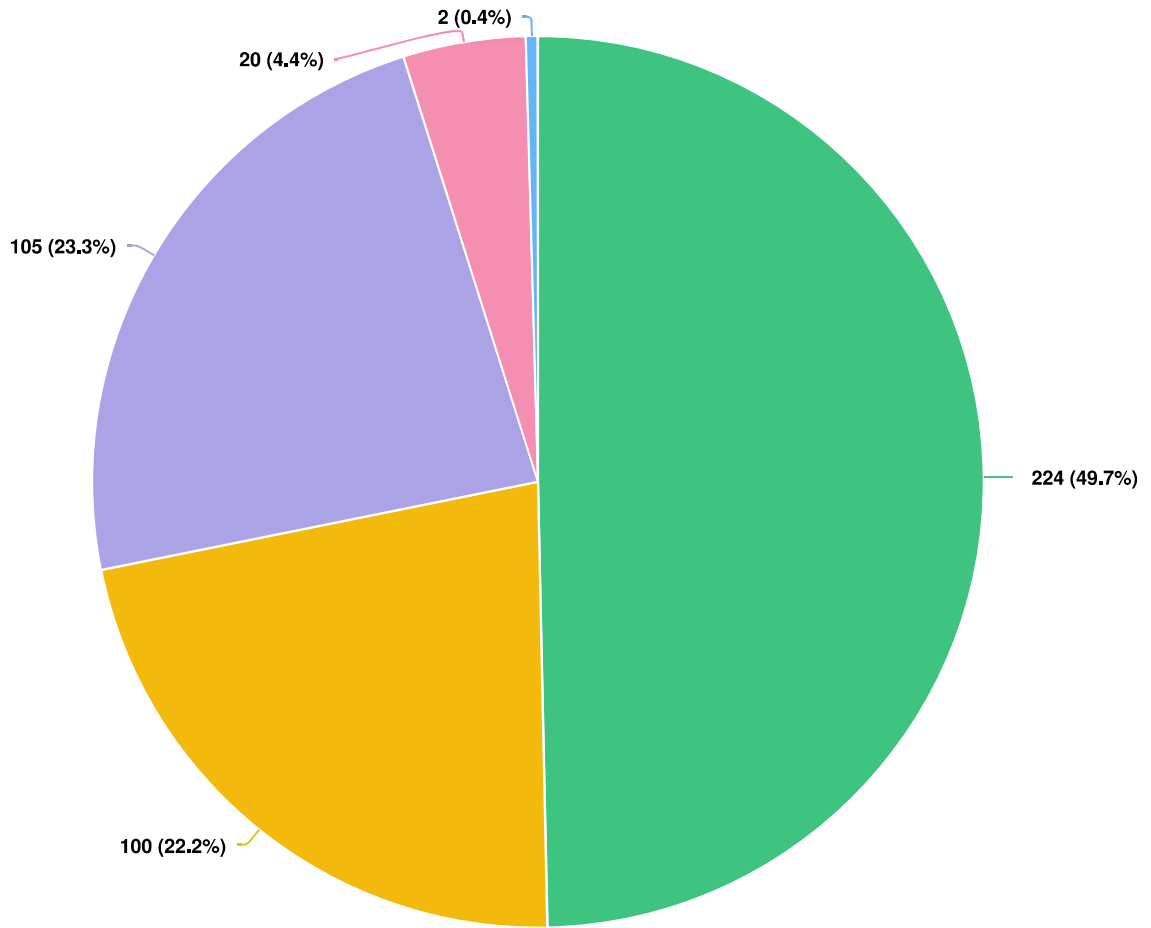


**Question options**

- Yes, year round
- Yes, seasonal
- No

*Mandatory Question (451 response(s))  
Question type: Dropdown Question*

**Q2** Which of the following areas best describes where you live in Kawartha Lakes?



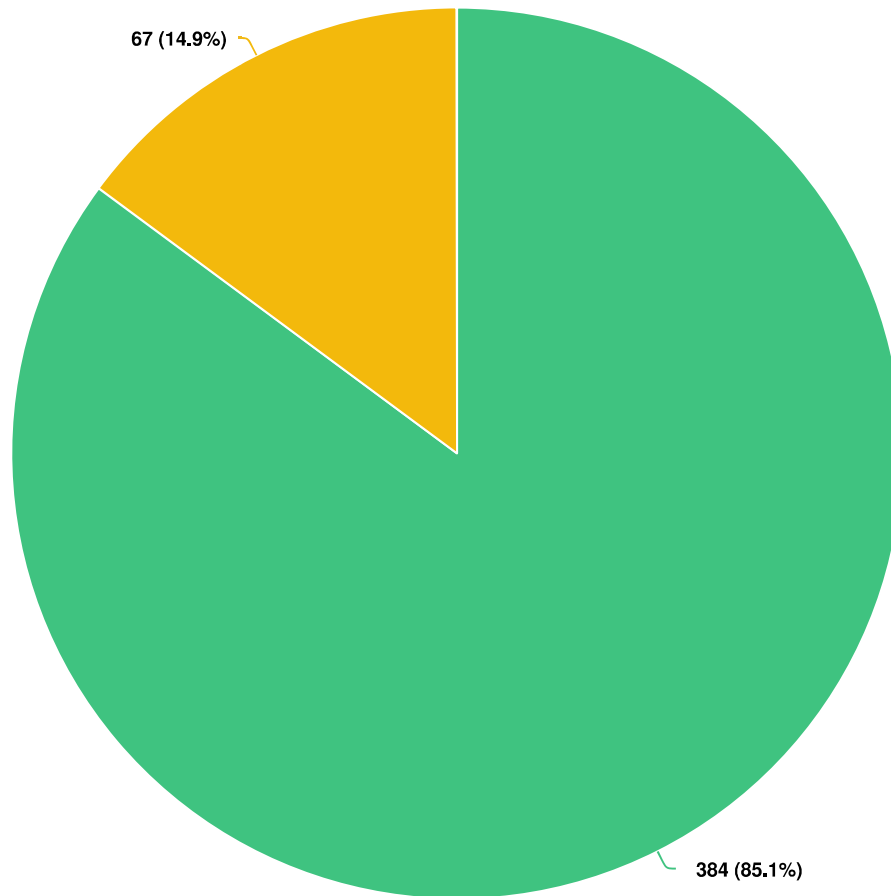
**Question options**

- Urban (town, village, hamlet)
- Rural (farm, other agricultural areas)
- Cottage (seasonal residential, waterfront area)
- Other (please specify)
- Do not live in Kawartha Lakes

Mandatory Question (451 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question

**Q3** Tell us how you feel about the proposed by-law amendment, which would allow grass to grow longer than eight inches in urban residential and commercial areas?



**Question options**

- I support it
- I do not support it

*Mandatory Question (451 response(s))  
Question type: Dropdown Question*

**Q4 | Please rank your reasons to support this amendment (1 being most important to 5 being least important):**

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Pollination/supporting bee populations	1.65
Ecosystem biodiversity	2.51
Less use of pesticides, herbicides and fuel to maintain properties	2.60
Slower erosion and overland water run off	3.20

*Optional question (380 response(s), 71 skipped)  
Question type: Ranking Question*

**Q5 | Please tell us why you don't support this amendment:**

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 01:18 PM	I feel it will be an excuse for people to ignore their ground maintenance. Ticks are a big problem and I don't want to encourage their population and habitats in the long grass. They're already a problem in town from unkept properties so I see this proposed change as making that situation worse.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 03:21 PM	It would encourage those who neglect upkeep of their property
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 03:27 PM	If the goal is to encourage pollinator gardens, then be more specific in the permissions within the by-law than to change the height allowed for weeds and grasses. It seems to me that the existing by-law errs in not defining weeds and grasses, and their location/purpose within the lot. Note, the press release uses the word plants, whereas the Clean and Clear By-law uses the word "Weeds" in Section 1.01 (3) (xi). Rather than a blanket removal of weeds and grasses in excess of 8" from the definition of Debris, possibly an exemption should be provided for pollinator-friendly plants and grasses. This would help to clarify which types of plants are permitted to grow to excessive heights, and then keep the criteria which requires other weeds or grasses to be maintained at shorter heights so as to maintain the 'upkeep of their lawns' as noted in the proposed amendment. If pollinator-friendly plants are desired, then the permission should be more specific to the type of plants permitted. Not all weeds and grasses are pollinator-friendly. A listing of appropriate, permitted plants should be included in the by-law. As proposed, there would be no way to enforce maintenance of excessively tall non-pollinator friendly areas/plants or grasses. As proposed, there also seems to be confusion between the statement that removes the 8" height restriction for grasses, but then also requires 'upkeep of lawns'.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:48 PM	I am worried it will turn our neighborhoods into overgrown weed infested eyesores with un- mowed lawns and weeds galore. Hard enough now to get some people to look after their lawns and property.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 05:09 PM	Looks horrible, attracts rodents, doesn't usually achieve the "naturalized area" environmentalist wish to achieve.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 05:16 PM	I've seen town owned land where maintenance(grass cutting) left unattended...visually non appealing and has sometimes obstructed view at corners and a collection basin for waste
Screen Name Redacted	A home may look unkept, abandoned with grass at even at an 8

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3/03/2023 05:23 PM

inch length. A home may be the target of break-ins, as if someone was away for a time. In Mississauga, the rule was 12 inches. It looked nice for the environment, a 40 foot-wide meadow along a busy street. However, neighbours were constantly calling the by-law officers because the home owners didn't bother to maintain the grass even to a maximum of 12 inches. It looked grubby and I suppose hide the rats too. It didn't seem to matter. It was just weeds and grass. Had it been 40 feet of wild flowers to support the bee population, that would have been a different matter. I think its nice but grass isn't the problem. People are. Why not encourage naturalization in defined areas where weeds can grow and let's keep the grass to a minimum.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:01 PM

grass is not a food source for pollinators

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 07:12 PM

My property backs onto an overgrown area that is not maintained and we can not keep the weeds out of our lawn.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 07:28 PM

Ridiculous, cut your lawn, leave the clipping and it nourishes itself

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 05:32 AM

Grass only should be cut. Areas that are clearly a bed of flowers, wild or otherwise, should not be cut.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 08:14 AM

I'm leaving the grass to grow and the weeds to get out of hand make the town look run down. If people are concerned about the pollinators then they can plant beautiful flowers in their Garden. This would make the town look more beautiful and inviting and also help the pollinators. I live on a very well-kept farm with acres of grass that I keep well maintained. But I have also planted many flowers in the gardens so the pollinators have plenty of areas.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 08:33 AM

In my opinion, many biodiverse gardens may be and are maintained without allowing the lawns around them to become unruly.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 09:51 AM

It leaves the door open to people who don't maintain their property and makes it an eye sore for other residents. I think pollinator garden's can provide the necessary environment.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 11:43 AM

unsightly, garbage collectors, encourages pest infestation



Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 12:12 PM

I have an issue with my neighbour not cutting/maintaining his lawn that has created issues with mice, rats and a snake with my neighbours and myself.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 04:04 PM

Urban areas need to look presentable . If it was just grass that is fine but poison ivy, dog strangling vine etc quickly take over. This creates an issue where pollinators can't use the area. It would be best to promote more rural areas where wildlife and pollinators can utilize the space without humans, traffic, etc which will impede the good critters from proliferatng. They need relative seclusion. Urban areas doesn't work for them. They simply won't stay in urban areas if they do survive human contact

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 11:49 PM

No need

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3/05/2023 09:40 AM

Weeds allergies insects

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2023 01:39 PM

There is no way to enforce this, like so many other By-Laws. Who is going to go and measure anyone's lawn? Since there is no way to monitor/enforce this, some people will take this as an opportunity to not mow or clean up their yards.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 08:42 AM

AS seen in larger cities people tend to place gardens at the road edge. This causes blind spots when backing out of their properties.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 12:33 PM

There are many roadsides, open fields, garden beds, etc where plants and flowers flourish, allowing pollinators to do their work. I have seen the results of private and public grassed areas being allowed to grow wild. It is not conducive to the attractiveness of our towns and cities.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 02:41 PM

though the proposed change in by-law does not allow household to neglect there ground space, i would point out that an unkempt property does not lend itself to pride in community. If a homeowner really wants to encourage pollination, clover could be planted to replace grass.

Screen Name Redacted

TICKS. Plain and simple. Grow GARDENS with flowers for the

3/07/2023 11:20 AM

pollinators--uncut grass only makes the ticks and grasshoppers happy.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 10:43 PM

The City does a very poor job concerning property standards now. What is the town going to look like if there is no by-law. It would make sense if wildflowers were being planted in these areas where pollinators could feed, but we both know that is not going to happen. Do absentee landlords really need a legal excuse to not maintain there properties and empty lots. There are empty lots at the corner of Francis Street and William street North that have not been maintained in the last 20 years, neglected by the owner and the city,

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2023 05:18 PM

Unkempt grass in a residential area really makes the area look bad, demishing property values. Grasses do not grow at the same rate so the overall effect will give a look of being abandoned. If the property is quite large then perhaps an area could be set aside for longer grass.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 02:52 PM

Long grass looks unkept and messy. No place for that in a subdivision in town. It will look like no one lives in the home.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 05:07 PM

Longer grass on residential lawns attracts more than just pollinators, is aesthetically unappealing and gives the overall neighbourhood a shabby appearance.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 05:15 PM

Unkempt appearance , noxious weeds difficult to control when grasses are longer

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 10:14 PM

Properties will look messy unkept and shabby making our town look terrible.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2023 01:31 AM

I would be in favor if the wording of the bylaw is very specific and there is a reasonable possibility that the city will have the will to enforce it. This opportunity must not be an excuse to save money on parks and open space maintenance. Sadly, our parks, gardens and open spaces do not project the well planned and carefully maintained beauty of yesteryear. In order to be a pollinator friendly community that still appears well planned and well kept, we need to build it, rather than wait for it to magically appear. Tall grass and weed blossom doesn't cut it for me.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 02:22 AM	It uses an outdated Noxious weed act as reference, which is not adhered to on city held property anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 3/12/2023 11:48 AM	Visually, it would be awful and give urban areas a rundown look. It would, in my opinion, have a negative affect on home values.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:00 PM	There is an issue of allergies for people and pets. The long grass makes areas look unkempt and do not give the perception of care of property. The view of an area is much nicer to the eye and others perception of the area. To attract tourism this would be something that would I see as a potentially damaging to those thinking about visiting Kawartha Lakes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:03 PM	Unkept areas also promote ragweed, which is supposed to be controlled. but even city doesn't
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:12 PM	Perhaps a pilot project could be launched before rolling this out CKL-wide?
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:16 PM	I think it is a terrible eye sore, and it sticks out when there is only 1 house on the street that does not maintain their lawn.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:21 PM	I like tidy, and 8 inch tall grass is not tidy. It becomes full of noxious weeds, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:23 PM	It will definitely be used by some to avoid property maintenance. How would spread to neighbouring properties be controlled? There are not enough staff to monitor the existing bylaws and complaint driven enforcement by a neighbour is not the answer.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 12:38 PM	If it is restricted to rear or back yards in residential areas okay. Commercial areas no.Unfortunately not everyone or commercial owner would keep with the intent of the bi-law & have their property looking as your lead photograph. Some individuals would ignore the intent of the bi- law & let it run wild (look like an abandoned property. )Also the city would have a hard time enforcing the bi- law.
Screen Name Redacted	Remembering the noxious weeds by laws that were strictly enforced

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3/17/2023 12:44 PM

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 12:49 PM

Looks unkempt in an urban landscape, spreads weeds to neighborhood lawns

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 12:52 PM

Weeds will go to seed and spread.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 01:10 PM

Unkempt, unsafe, disgusting looking, naturalized areas end up needing maintenance and ends up costing tax payers more dollars in the long run

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 02:11 PM

Gives people an excuse to let weeds and long grass grow and the town will look like crap in no time.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 02:12 PM

I think that we've been bylawed to death, and we need to let nature take care of itself as it always has. I think the more man interferes with natural processes, I believe that is what causes these problems. So no I don't support this at all.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 02:22 PM

I think a lot of people will just let their lawns get out of control regardless of what the purpose of the bylaw is intended for. Right now our neighbours could care less about their lawn. How is this to be monitored?

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 02:22 PM

Vermin can nest in it

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 02:33 PM

AS long as it is pleasing to the eyes, all government should stay out!

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 05:50 PM

Already so much disarray with old wrecks of cars and junk in people's yards , allowing longer grass just will makes it look worse - look even more like a community full of poverty

Screen Name Redacted

3/24/2023 03:41 PM

Allowing grass to grow longer leads to hiding things, whether more critters hide there or somebodies junk is allowed to be camouflaged. Property values can drop. This can lead to the perception of lower property values- it looks like residents and the city don't care. You are giving lazy tenants & residents a way to opt out of a small amount of work and display their lack of house pride. The unkempt

look can bring the whole community down.

Screen Name Redacted  
3/24/2023 04:07 PM

Why grass? If you were referring to plants that promote pollination, possibly. The questions are too vague. What exact areas are you thinking of, especially in town.

Screen Name Redacted  
3/24/2023 04:36 PM

Ticks like long grass and are health issue.

Screen Name Redacted  
3/24/2023 04:44 PM

It will allow for obstructed views at street corners stop signs and also people will take it too far and not care for the lawns properly

Screen Name Redacted  
3/24/2023 10:25 PM

Most of the natural lawns I've seen are unsightly, a few are maintained to reduce noxious weeds and encourage specific plants that encourage pollinators. A proper pollinator habitat likely requires some maintenance and care, I suspect this bylaw could encourage an unstructured low effort vegetation mess that will cause neighbour issues because of allergenic plants and reduced property values. Landlords will benefit from the reduced property maintenance. This environmental sensitive bylaw seems to be at odds with what appears to be a proliferation of converting existing lawns and gardens to pavement and gravel from dwelling to curb. I believe the City will be creating an opportunity for neighbour conflict, property maintenance avoidance, increased workload for city staff and with no way of measuring improvement to pollinator habitat. I think there would be more value in cleaning up and planting many of the brownfield properties in the city. Funding could be done with a property tax structure encouraging land owners to participate.

Screen Name Redacted  
3/25/2023 09:53 AM

More becoming visually

Screen Name Redacted  
3/25/2023 10:15 AM

Living on a small lot (Avery Point) would only allow occasional weekenders to neglect lawns. I do support allowing longer growth in open rural areas where the Bees could thrive an pollinate crops

Screen Name Redacted  
3/25/2023 04:08 PM

Looks unsightly

Screen Name Redacted  
3/26/2023 10:57 AM

Taller ground cover will allow many invasive species to mature and go to seed allowing a spread. Longer grasses and weeds can harbor more unwanted bugs such as mosquitoes especially in shaded and

damper areas. Mosquitoes can be potential carriers of the West Nile virus. Some of these insects could be hazardous to people and their pets. Longer mature ground cover can be the cause of more allergies for people and pets. Longer grasses may also attract vermin, mice and possibly rats. Longer grasses and ground cover will still dry out and may add substantially to the fire load on the property. Well maintained green lawns can help prevent a fire spreading, provide a safe and clean environment for children and pets to play.

Screen Name Redacted

3/26/2023 01:41 PM

the recurring tick invasion

Screen Name Redacted

3/31/2023 04:42 PM

There is more to restoration of grassed areas than simply allowing it to grow longer than 8 inches.. A property owner would need to make an investment to re-introduce Grass/Plant species native to Ontario.

Screen Name Redacted

3/31/2023 08:28 PM

It seems too long and might not look good or could cause more bugs

**Optional question** (62 response(s), 389 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q6 | Please provide any additional comments about the proposed by-law amendment here:**

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 01:18 PM

Look into ways the city can use their private property for this cause outside of resident participation.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 01:56 PM

Would love to see less lawns!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 02:00 PM

I am a year round waterfront resident

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 03:17 PM

residents should be willing to care for patches of longer grass and plants....not an opportunity to just not care

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 03:21 PM

Would prefer to educate homeowners to grow plants and flowers that help the bee population but in an aesthetically appealing way.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 03:25 PM	We would also encourage & support additional wildflower planting by the city and residents on all managed properties as well as low or unmanaged areas.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 03:27 PM	The by-law name was not noted in the description. Are any additional by-laws proposed for amendment other than the Clean and Clear By-law? If so, the circulation and survey preamble should be updated. Pollinator-friendly plants and grasses or naturalized gardens, as well as "weeds and grasses" should be defined.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:40 PM	Traditional short monoculture lawns are huge contributors to global climate change and species loss. All the the above reasons are critical to more sustainable living and the sooner we can learn to emulate nature, the better. We need to reset the "norm" asap.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:42 PM	We are filling this out as a family, and are astonished that there was such a restrictive limit to begin with. We strongly support naturalized gardens, native plants, and extending the height of urban lawns. I hope that people will be respectful because these can be beautiful and maintained.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:45 PM	Great step forward!
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:48 PM	I agree in principal but in urban areas. I would rather seen wild flower gardens and creations for pollination purposes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:51 PM	We need to do all that we can to support pollinators. This is a start.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:55 PM	I support this amendment for residential areas outside of the core downtown areas. And I think public parks should have more pollinator friendly gardens while maintaining shorter grass heights for everyone to enjoy
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 04:56 PM	All the reasons noted are #1 reasons. The city should prioritize those reasons over any out-dated ideas about aesthetics or neighbourhood "standards" (mowed lawns)
Screen Name Redacted	Intent is good. Just concerned that residents who already neglect

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3/03/2023 04:57 PM

their properties might even more so.

Screen Name Redacted

Seems like a good idea.

3/03/2023 04:59 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Herbicides, such as 2,4-D should BE ALLOWED for any rural acreage of 100 acres or more, as is the case in the province of Alberta. Following extensive consultation and scientific review, using the most current scientific methods, the Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency ( PMRA ) has determined that 2,4-D meets Canada's strict health and safety standards and, as such, is acceptable for continued registration in Canada. However, pesticides should NOT be included for application, as they are derivatives of nerve gas.

3/03/2023 05:03 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Amendment should provide for and encourage wildflower gardens.

3/03/2023 05:03 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Towns are towns, what was native isn't native today(plant species). Use tax money to support what the tax base wants and needs

3/03/2023 05:09 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Front lawns take up a lot of space and are generally useless pieces of land, as people do not often use them for personal recreation or for growing food. I very much support people's right to turn them into biodiverse gardens for the benefit of wildlife. Additionally, the endless empty lawns of suburbia can look a little depressing, it would be nice to see some people break up the monotony of it and bring a little nature in.

3/03/2023 05:18 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Really hope this goes through. Long live biodiversity!!

3/03/2023 05:22 PM

Screen Name Redacted

All 4 of the above reasons are very important. I love the diversity and colour of a natural garden.About time we recognized the importance of biodiversity and supporting our pollinators.

3/03/2023 05:29 PM

Screen Name Redacted

We humans are totally responsible for the best balance in nature and we must take care o our EARTH

3/03/2023 05:37 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Also should address farmers spraying which has negative affect on bees.

3/03/2023 05:40 PM



Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 05:45 PM

Ban the use of pesticides and herbicides except on farms. Give away packets of wildflower seeds to residents.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 05:46 PM

Obnoxious weed Act is antiquate and should be updated to account for new scientific realities. Milkweed (among others) should NOT be considered a 'noxious weed" and IS, As this acts inclusions are probably from 100 years ago and only consider a grazing animals diet.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 05:49 PM

I think those are all equally important reasons that create benefits for the environment. No need to rank them. They are all the most important!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 05:50 PM

definitely a move in the right direction bur make certain that "weeds" do not include milkweed (Asclepias) so the Monarch caterpillar is not harmed

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 05:53 PM

To me all of #4 above are a priority--really almost equally

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:01 PM

I support the allowance of naturalized gardens, where native wildflowers and grasses are planted, but not the allowance of uncut and unkempt grass on lawns or boulevards

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:04 PM

Education will be very important part of this bylaws.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:08 PM

What is the definition of 'debris' in the current by-law and what is the definition of 'grass' in the proposed changes? I would not want to live next door to a residential property where weeds (such as dandelions) are 1 to 2 feet high!

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:10 PM

I think it's a good start but could go even further

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:13 PM

I would have given each one of the rank your reasons a one thank you for asking we need to do better thank you

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:19 PM

The use of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides should be illegal on all waterfront properties. The owners should be encouraged to naturalize their property and discouraged from planting alien invasives ie. periwinkle and goutweed. I hope milkweed is NOT listed in your noxious plant bylaw.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:21 PM

Great idea! I hope it is supported and the bylaw change can happen soon. In a number of communities you see very creative and attractive roadside plantings that are pollinator-friendly. I think the safeguards mentioned (no noxious weeds for example) are sensible and would be quite adequate.). This would be a very progressive step for us to take.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:34 PM

should also remove milkweed from noxious weeds designation for threatened monarch butterflies

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:41 PM

Action should begin now

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:47 PM

I am very pleased the Town of Lindsay and all Kawartha Lakes is getting involved and supporting the important roll we all play in taking care of the environment. I suggest experienced people in this native way of gardening get the Garden Centres to rethink the product they are selling. Encourage the customers to blend in some wild flowers with their much loved non-native plants. Just get them thinking about some change without forcing it. I would like to see something done about the blaring street lights that stay on all night and interfere with the plant, insect, animal life. I guess that's another discussion.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:58 PM

We have planted pollination friendly for years and have not used pesticides.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:58 PM

I believe all the environmental concerns are linked. If people see concerns for pollinators and overuse of plastics it will spill over into electric vehicles less meat. and voting for progressive politicians. We need to reduce and stop the use of neonics in agriculture.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 06:59 PM

We can help so much environmentally with this endeavour in so many places in CKL. It is not costly or difficult to do. In the Lions Park in Coboconk, this would be perfect for the area between the new posts and the armour rock. It would be a total win win; would save the city time and money not cutting the grass in that area.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 07:08 PM

Please consider permanent year round residents surveys higher than those of seasonal. All of the ranking reasons are very important.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 07:23 PM

Great idea.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 07:28 PM

Perhaps it would be fair to adopt a revised acceptable height allowance for these UR and C areas that would allow for the above noted priorities but would keep places from looking overrun and derelict? Say, 16" height?

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 07:43 PM

Allowing longer grasses and natural non-noxious weeds will be a welcome change

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 08:05 PM

The bylaw should go further and ban the use of fertilizers and weed killers (herbicides) from waterfront properties

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 08:38 PM

It would be nice to provide residents with information about the advantages of growing native plants and trees.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 08:46 PM

plant wild Flowers in these areas

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 08:50 PM

It's hard to rank the points above because I feel so strongly about all of them. So happy to see this subject receiving consideration

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 09:36 PM

I am a beekeeper and fully support the amendment.

Screen Name Redacted

3/03/2023 10:51 PM

Tall grasses require less water in hot conditions, grow 6 ft tall, are not cut, are part of the landscape, are attractive, require no chemicals, provide shade for other plants and prevent erosion.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 01:04 AM

with the Ford government putting the greenbelt under attack by allowing development, this type of amendment is needed to attempt to improve the biodiversity of areas where the Ford government cannot exploit

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 05:32 AM

possibly provide a description or list of Kawartha Lakes non flowering, non-polinting weeds that must be included in the cutting of lawns requirements.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 06:00 AM

Road side grasses and flowers should be encouraged, as they are in other countries, not cut or sprayed as the are in CoKL. Also, cosmetic pesticides and herbicides should be banned, including use by landscapers and gardnrns. Thanks for the opportunity to do this survey!

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 06:45 AM

I think this is smart, and will benefit the bees, other species, and ultimately the whole community.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 06:51 AM

I honestly believe people spend waaaay too much time trying to have golf green lawns to the detriment of native plant species and natural habitats that support wildlife and bee populations. We always leave the dandelions, clover and leaves to provide food and cover for that which should be living outside besides, not having bylaw having to constantly attend whiney neighbour complaints about grass height would free them up to deal with issues of real concern.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 07:03 AM

We maintain pollinator gardens and some habitat in our yards.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 07:08 AM

A well kept property can have tall plants in it. Our traditional ideas are too rigid.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 07:18 AM

With the alarming decline in pollinator population we must do everything possible to protect and restore populations...they are essential for humanity.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 07:26 AM

I rank all the above as equally important, especially that they are all interconnected. However, the survey wouldn't allow ranking them as such, thus it is biased.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 07:30 AM

There should be still maintenance done to blvds for appearance and safety

Screen Name Redacted

This is an excellent approach

3/04/2023 07:41 AM

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 07:56 AM

The City should also provide informational resources and financial incentives to residents to encourage the planting of native species.

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3/04/2023 08:11 AM

it's great to see this initiative.

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3/04/2023 08:14 AM

I wish that all plants were considered allowed. Including dandelion. We need to stop trying to grow non native grass

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3/04/2023 08:33 AM

Refine the wording so that naturalized gardens are recognized without compromising on lawn care, only because some residents may see this suggested change as a reason to not perform normal upkeep on their properties.

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3/04/2023 08:40 AM

I've been trying to do this ever since I moved to this property in 2008. A few years after I moved here someone complained and I had what I call "The Weed Nazis", aka the bylaw enforcement officers, coming to my property every week for 8 weeks forcing me to mow my yard. There is a fence on the north side of my yard. North of that fence is pasture, east of that fence is a hayfield. My neighbour to the east is almost 10 km away with wetland, woodlots and open abandoned fields in between. Queen Elizabeth II Provincial Park (QEII Park) is less than a km north of me. Much of the road to the west of me is QEII Park, other conserved lands, or private property left wild. And yet my yard had to follow City standards. While the grass could grow much longer than 8 inches just a fence wire width away from my yard, my yard had to be cut to less than 8 inches. It was a ridiculous waste of time on everybody's part. We are losing our insect populations thanks to overgrooming our yards. It's not just our bee populations though they are the poster child for the frightening state of affairs. Many other insects are also pollinators. If we lose our pollinators we lose much of our food supply. As I indicated in question 4, however, it is ecosystem biodiversity that is most important. The pollinators will rebound if we just get rid of the monoculture of non-native grass which supports little of our native biodiversity. We need to do more than allow people who are interested in getting rid of a fully manicured lawns; we need to actually encourage them to do so.

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3/04/2023 08:40 AM

Thanks for taking this important step to support the bee and butterfly population, essential for sustaining biodiversity. Why is clover excluded? They provide nitrogen and require less water.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 09:03 AM

Kentucky blue grass and monoculture are ecologically harmful and we need to build resilient communities more than ever

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 09:06 AM

Bees love dandelions. They should not be listed as noxious weeds

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 09:30 AM

Question 4 should not have to be ranked. I find all a one with the exception of slower erosion...

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 09:44 AM

This is extremely important. Our survival as a species starts with the smallest amongst us: the bees to pollinate our plants for us! Besides, cultivated chemical covered lawns are expensive to maintain, a luxury we cannot afford, and contribute nothing to any other living creature.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 09:45 AM

I think this is an awesome idea. My yard is naturalized on the lakeside and I enjoy a huge number of bees, butterflies, Lightning bugs, snakes, turtles and many varieties of birds that flit about in the brush. More yards and other areas should be like this!!! The native plants are not weeds as many say but nature's own way of maintaining balance that humans are so eager to ruin.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 10:04 AM

Dandelions should not be considered weeds if the intention is to be more bee-friendly.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 10:16 AM

I feel we have too many bylaws. The enforcement people need better training in regard to interpersonal skills with residents. As a retired police officer its my opinion that they are a little heavy handed and need training to start with polite communication rather that threatening charges.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 10:33 AM

Removal of any non-plant debris and non-native or invasive species of plants must still be required in the by law.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 11:37 AM

I will definitely have a wild flower garden on my front lawn this spring. I fully support banning weed killing chemicals everywhere in this `city``

Screen Name Redacted

Would the city still be responsible for control of noxious weeds

3/04/2023 12:06 PM

(poison ivy) on city property?

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 12:08 PM

I have not read through the by-laws in their entity however the description you presented sounds like it is a great move. I would encourage you to just be sure that the wording is such that residential properties are not allowed to be overgrown eye sores. Thanks

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 12:12 PM

Also Lawn grasses should be allowed to be replaced with red or white clover, which feeds bees and does not need to be cut or soaked monthly with fertilizer, which runs off into our water systems polluting our lakes and encourage algae growth.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 12:12 PM

I agree we need to create pollinator habitats in our communities. I just don't want to see infestation of rodents caused by the few who would take advantage of the change in the bylaw.

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3/04/2023 12:37 PM

We must encourage the growth of habitat for bees, insects, butterflies and birds. A natural setting is extremely important for a thriving environment. Thank you

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 01:31 PM

We have employed a landscape designer to help us remove most of the high maintenance grass from our front and back yard for plants that are low water and pollinator friendly. We fully support the changes proposed! Thank you!!

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3/04/2023 03:22 PM

Residents should be actively encouraged to plant all types of native plants in all areas of the region.

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better for native plants, native insects and native birds as well as enhancing human appreciation for local biodiversity

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 04:04 PM

I applaud the actions taken by the City and strongly support the pollinations project. Without pollinators life as we know it will not survive, especially our food supply chain.

Screen Name Redacted

3/04/2023 04:11 PM

Grasses along roadsides in rural areas and significant wetland areas should not be sprayed in order to prevent contamination of water and wildlife, and to allow monarch milkweed plants to grow.

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Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 04:16 PM	This means I can let the boulevard grow to 8 inches as well as the rest of the lawn!!!
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 04:46 PM	I want to point out that the reasons that I support the amendment are interrelated. For example less use of pesticides also supports bee populations. I'm not going to remove all my lawn but I am going to add more garden areas with more native plant material. I hope that council will support this initiative.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 04:58 PM	On the right track.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 07:41 PM	Great changes and we are proud to see that we are residents of one of the Bee Cities. .
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 08:09 PM	Keep promoting the removal of ugly mowed lawns. A naturalized yard is much more aesthetically pleasing. Perhaps one day we will no longer see ugly green grass or hear loud lawn mowing.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 09:28 PM	Absolutely necessary to amend an out-dated by-law and become a more ecologically responsible township. If we do not take proactive steps to support our now, our ecosystem will not be able to support valuable pollinating insects, as well as so many other beings.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 10:04 PM	This is an obvious necessity. But to explain; keep the Earth alive.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2023 05:18 AM	This is an excellent change. Lawnmowers are one of the worst tools in regards of carbon pollution as the have no emission controls. Natural grasslands are much healthier habitats for so many species including humans.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2023 07:54 AM	They key element of this change is improved function of "green infrastructure" that will improve water quality, reduce flood risk, and promote biodiversity.
Screen Name Redacted 3/05/2023 09:40 AM	Taxes are paid to look after grass cutting etc
Screen Name Redacted	looks great

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3/05/2023 10:03 AM

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3/05/2023 11:14 AM

I have contacted the city a number of times not to mow the ditch in front of our house where i have encouraged pollinator plants to grow including crown vetch, aster and goldenrod to grow. I have not been able to have success. I hope this bylaw will address ditch mowing practice.

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2023 12:55 PM

I feel this is a good step in the right direction but we need to do more to support individuals to grow native species and increase habitat/food for native pollinators. Permitting and promoting growth of native species in the boulevard strips would be a great next step towards being a truly pollinator friendly city.

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3/05/2023 01:52 PM

Why not?!!!

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3/05/2023 04:28 PM

A good first step. Need to pass a by-law to prohibit pesticide use on lawns. Need to consider agricultural runoff into waterways.

Screen Name Redacted

3/05/2023 04:52 PM

Great idea to have more natural yards... I always had an area that was allowed to grow naturally and combined it with perennials to attract bees and butterflies.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 07:32 AM

The worst offenders are the people who have "perfectly manicured lawns" with no weeds at all. Even if they or their lawn care service claims they're not using herbicides or fertilizer, they're lying! All chemicals near the lake end up in our lakes rivers and streams. These should also be banned within 100meters from water areas.Also more bans on open fires please

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 07:42 AM

Please give consideration to the water catchment that is draining into the Scugog River and our drinking water. These areas should be of given significant recognition with everything that it dissolves and carries into the river. Salt is also considered an pollutant and it is being pushed into the river.for commercial lot maintenance.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 07:50 AM

anything that helps pollinators is a great idea.

Screen Name Redacted

An idea long time coming. I have had a pollinators garden for many

3/06/2023 08:09 AM

years and have noticed the decline in both bee and butterfly populations.

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3/06/2023 08:42 AM

If they wish to maintain a wild garden in the back yard that's great.

Screen Name Redacted

3/06/2023 11:40 AM

This is a wonderful amendment and long overdue. We are getting close to a food system collapse and our pollinators are key to the continued survival of organized human life. Glyphosate, and other pesticide use should also be controlled more carefully.

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3/06/2023 01:15 PM

its good news for bees and biodiversity.

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3/07/2023 09:15 AM

Pollinators are more than important - we should take every opportunity to assist and support their habitat.

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3/07/2023 09:29 AM

Pollinator support should include native pollinators, not just honey bees, including other bee species, insects, birds, etc.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 10:07 AM

I reside in Haliburton County just north of the border with CKL, but work daily in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon and as such have a direct interest in CKL by-laws. I feel very strongly that we should be encouraging increased bio-diversity in our gardens, including things such as milkweed and goldenrod which are excellent pollinator "weeds".

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 11:20 AM

"slower erosion and overland water run off"??? There is a difference between pollinator "habitats" than erosion control here.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 01:33 PM

I would like to encourage COKL to adopt the use and planting of plants, shrubs and trees native to our area within urban areas for gardening and landscaping purposes. They are beautiful, hardy, great for our environment and a part of our natural Canadian heritage. Thank you for your consideration.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 02:33 PM

recognizing that grass isn't the only (or best) use of our yards is very important. We need to support biodiversity and pollination while also creating opportunities to mitigate flooding and erosion. Less use of pesticides, herbicides and fuel to maintain properties is an added

bonus. Offering guidance and education to residents on why a diverse yard is superior (and prettier!) will help to ease concerns. Offering residents free seeds, planting days/ workshops and having volunteer opportunities for residents to help residents plant and maintain gardens could help to boost support.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 03:20 PM

We are losing natural areas everywhere. Even renaturalizing areas as small as lawns is still an important contribution to providing suitable habitats for our species. Allowing the grasses to grow taller gives lawns an actual purpose.

Screen Name Redacted

3/07/2023 10:43 PM

I feel the City should maintain the property standards by-laws and concentrate on planting flowers and plants that could be used by pollinators. Why are the flower beds downtown not all planted in the spring instead of hit and miss plantings where some beds have flowers, some have weeds and some remain empty. We can do so much more than grow long grass (just what do pollinators get out of long grass.) Take a look at the pollinator garden at Fleming College and try these plants in the downtown flower boxes. I will quit now because I think we all know the definition of insanity is.

Screen Name Redacted

3/08/2023 05:18 PM

I already have a neighbour that doesn't keep up the look of their property. This would only make matters worse!

Screen Name Redacted

3/09/2023 10:32 AM

We have a certified pollinator garden at our home and every year we collect monarch eggs from our milkweed to save and raise the Monarchs. We have complained to the City in the past because of the mowing along the road shoulders where there is an abundance of milkweed growing. The City is destroying the ONLY food source for Monarch caterpillars, and destroys eggs in the process. We would like the City to also consider adjusting the two times during the spring/summer that they cut along the roadsides, to avoid those times that the Monarchs lay their eggs (late spring/early summer and late summer). Thank you for your consideration.

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3/09/2023 06:54 PM

I don't think it goes far enough. I'm 64 years old and I've had a lifelong interest in environmental issues, and taken university level courses in earth science, pollution control, biology and biochemistry. I understand very well that the human population is destroying the natural world at an accelerating pace, and we are failing to act fast enough, or change our ways, many of which are simply inexplicable. Like the creation of vast lawn areas around urban homes. This is a Victorian era obsession with 'control of the environment', but like so

many human activities, it's destructive of biodiversity, and is unsustainable without the continuous use of herbicides and fertilizers. Lawns represent a vast area of unnatural monoculture that supports very little wildlife, and in urban areas this is a real tragedy, given that roads, pavement, and concrete are already covering a huge percentage of the natural environment. We all need to get a lot smarter, and take individual and collective responsibility for the damage we've done, and continue to do, and work hard to reverse it. It's already too late for a vast number of species that we've eradicated in such a short time. We need to protect everything we have left, or the future for all of us will be increasingly bleak. We patently DO NOT control the environment, and need to stop pretending that we do. I should add that I've personally been appalled and angered by the continuing yearly cutting of roadside verges in rural areas, with no appreciation whatsoever that many insect species - monarch butterflies included - rely on these areas for egg laying, development and feeding from early spring until late fall. We should be encouraging the planting of native plant species in urban gardens, and replacing lawns completely. Big changes are needed, not small ones.

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3/10/2023 09:24 AM

My property is registered on the Pollinator Pathway

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3/10/2023 11:27 AM

100 percent in favor of doing what we can to support bees and other pollinators.

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 11:55 AM

I support this amendment to allow for more natural plants and native species to survive. I, however, do not feel that dandelions run free are native to the community - they are simply the strongest and survive we must do the planting and rehabilitating natural areas. I would like to see common land areas such as the space at the end of Sylvan Cres. and Albert Street South to be planted with native shade plants. The community is willing to help with the work.

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3/10/2023 02:15 PM

Get it done!

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 02:47 PM

This is a great idea, fully support. As a society we really need to get away from carefully groomed lots as being the standard. Grass isn't that helpful for our environment alone.

Screen Name Redacted

My property is waterfront many of my neighbours have cleared to the

3/10/2023 02:52 PM

water and only have grass. This grass is constantly being watered and has herbicide and pesticides applied which end up in our waterways. The absence of native plants and a buffer zone allows these chemicals as well as silt to pollute the water whenever they water and when it rains.

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3/10/2023 02:57 PM

Sounds good to me. Lots of areas around that can be let grow wild. Maybe an area in the renovated Lilac park on Lindsay St could be planted with wild flowers.

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protect the environment

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3/10/2023 03:05 PM

I have urban and cottage (seasonal) property in the kawarthas and support these changes for both places. We all need to change our ideas of gardens if we're going to make a serious change in the environment

Screen Name Redacted

3/10/2023 03:21 PM

There is a manner in which longer grasses and biodiverse ecosystems can appear beautifully aesthetic. One only needs to visit balsam lake provincial park's alvar, for example, to experience this. Avid gardeners like myself are in support but I wonder if education needs to be done for the general public so that they can see both the environmental attributes of such a practice, but also the aesthetics of it.

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3/10/2023 03:28 PM

Protecting biodiversity is the key to a healthy community and planet.

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I completely support this initiative. Thank you for the chance to share my support.

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Bees and other pollinators are critical to the survival of humans, animals, and ecosystems to thrive! As a beekeeper the diversity in an ecosystem is keep to the help of the insects and other wildlife in the area

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3/10/2023 03:46 PM

All your options should be very important. all of them could be 1 but i done them based on my personal preference

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Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 04:13 PM	none at this time
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 04:21 PM	We must support pollination!
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 04:35 PM	I do not think the proposed amendments are enough. Taller plants suitable for pollinators should be allowed elsewhere/anywhere and not restricted to only within proximity to the waterfront. Also, there should be clarification on which species are considered suitable for pollinators and are allowed to exceed height limitations (e.g., only NATIVE species of grasses and forbs originating from Ontario).
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 05:01 PM	It's a great idea, fits in with Lindsay being a bee friendly city and the initiative to make it a bird friendly city
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 05:30 PM	Amendment needs some modification. Should focus on back and side yards and add some limitations to promote curb appeal. Be proactive in promoting the use of wild flower seed mixes in wildflower gardens and avoid providing an excuse for shoddy yard maintenance practices.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 05:34 PM	I do not like that the township uses herbicides on road allowance.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 06:54 PM	We all need to get used to this new normal.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 06:55 PM	save the bees
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 10:14 PM	There are lots of spaces within a township that could be left more natural. I support less grass cutting of roadside land or parks.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 10:25 PM	As a beekeeper (13 years) I believe I have excellent insight into the value of bees and their environmental needs. I believe that even allowing dandelions and other weeds to flower...offering valuable pollen and nectar to our pollinators... is a positive move.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 01:31 AM	If you are going to do this, put your money where your mouth is and make it worthwhile. It can be a showpiece in two possible scenarios.

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It can be something that people point to and say, "that's how to do it"  
OR it can be a sorry example of poor planning and lackadaisical maintenance to be pointed and laughed at by students in horticultural classrooms.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2023 02:22 AM

Kentucky Bluegrass and other cultivated lawns are in fact invasive species made popular by the social elite, and should be eliminated if your serious about bees and other pollenators.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2023 08:22 AM

Creating biodiversity, reducing the use of chemicals and areas for pollinators at the expense of a well maintained lawn is a small price to pay. We have maintained a pollinator garden for years. We decided years ago that fighting weeds and invasive larvae was a losing battle and replaced the grass on our front lawn with mulch.

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3/11/2023 08:40 AM

This is a good idea, please make the changes

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2023 12:18 PM

I love wild spaces. I also think it looks nicer to have tall plants than cut grass.

Screen Name Redacted

3/11/2023 08:32 PM

Natural plants are used to our environment so should survive better. Each year I get some winterkill but with natural vegetation that is less likely. I walked from the lawn bowling club up to behind Parkview Elementary about 2 springs ago ... hundreds of dandelions but no bees. When I was a kid there would have been hundreds. Also, my cat loves to eat grass. Peach definitely opposes pesticides which could harm him.

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2023 11:48 AM

The roadsides in KL are not currently properly maintained and look awful. Imagine that look on your next door neighbours lawn!

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2023 12:00 PM

Please do not mow the grass, plants, flowers, including milkweed Along roadsides! These provide food for bees and other insects and butterflies , these are not noxious weeds

Screen Name Redacted

3/12/2023 07:49 PM

I would like to see more attention paid to pesticides and herbicides sprayed by farmers in the region. No one seems to care about this, yet there are days each year when the air chokes you from the sprays they are using in the fields that cannot help but be near people's homes (as these deadly chemicals travel in the air). How is this

permitted? Not only should these toxics not be permitted, but the any 'approved' ones need to have the land location examined to see if they are within i.e. a mile of housing and residences. If so, they either need to be forbidden to do so, or they should be required to put a notice in the local newspaper (if there was one) as well as provide a posted notice mailed to all residents within that (mile) region, so they can protect themselves by staying indoors and keeping their livestock, pets and children indoors. There is a school closer to one toxic spray location I know and I doubt they are even aware of it until they choke from the fumes as do the rest of us. I truly care about the bees; they haven't got a chance if we can't even prevent toxics from being sprayed around people, and with neither warning nor protection.

Screen Name Redacted

3/13/2023 02:14 PM

Unused and open fields must be maintained and taken care of. With the increase of ticks in my area, and a big open field behind my home, the property owners must be held accountable. They should be made to come and cut the the weeds down to reasonable length. (Four feet is not reasonable)

Screen Name Redacted

3/16/2023 01:14 AM

In addition to the proposed by-law, I suggest support programs such as wildflower and/or native plant seed distribution to students or any other interested group for free. Seed packs (pollinator, wildflower, native plant/tree/shrub seeds) available (free) at municipal offices and local libraries

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 10:50 AM

What is considered to be a "noxious weed"? Would this include, for example, milkweed plants which are essential for the life cycle of the threatened Monarch Butterfly? This list should be published broadly, and public input on it's content sought.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 11:56 AM

Under proper supervision guidance, beekeeping should be allowed in the city.

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Please have a reasonable maximum length.

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3/17/2023 11:58 AM

I strongly support long grass

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3/17/2023 12:00 PM

I think this bylaw amendment should not go into effect. We have a large area that incorporates Kawartha Lakes and i think having grass cut and areas looked after portrays a beautiful area to residents as



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well as tourists.

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3/17/2023 12:03 PM

Don't want

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3/17/2023 12:12 PM

I recommend a pilot project first.

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3/17/2023 12:23 PM

I do not believe long Grass is as desirable for pollination as is a well maintained garden bed. leave the wildflowers and long grasses ditches and hillsides please.

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 12:33 PM

I fully support the proposal as long as there are some rules and guidelines to ensure people don't just use it as an excuse for people to neglect their properties.

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3/17/2023 12:38 PM

See above

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Noxious weeds out of control

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3/17/2023 12:49 PM

I think there are other places to let natural grasses grow .

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 12:52 PM

Promote lawns allowed to grow to 3-4" for the health of the grass. Encourage more trees, shrubs, community gardens. Cut garlic mustard before it goes to seed. It is robust and invasive; seeds survive for 10+ years. Agricultural herbicides probably have much greater impact on pollinators.

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3/17/2023 12:56 PM

I would like to see flowers along the boulevard instead of weeds!

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3/17/2023 12:58 PM

It is very important to take care of our ecosystem to protect future generations. Climate change is REAL.

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3/17/2023 01:10 PM

Ridiculous concept in this area if people need to feel good or to be virtuous, go help your fellow human beings

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 01:10 PM

I guess I want to know there are checks and balances to ensure it is a controlled environment not just a messy garbage dump

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3/17/2023 01:38 PM

as long as it doesn't include known allergens eg ragweed & goldenrod

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3/17/2023 02:11 PM

Kawartha Lakes has enough wild areas to support bees - tell the GTHA to let their properties look like nobody cares and see how that flies.

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3/17/2023 02:12 PM

Let's keep our town free and clear of debris, or man made interference.

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3/17/2023 02:15 PM

Neat tidy grass lawns may be nice to look at but are not that great for the environment.

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3/17/2023 02:22 PM

I'm all for protecting the habitat for bees etc but I tend to think most will abuse the bylaw lust to get out of maintaining their lawn

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3/17/2023 02:33 PM

Don't we have bigger issues to work on...

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 02:36 PM

It is a very good idea to allow residents to have grass and plant species taller/longer than 8 inches. There are a number of environmental benefits. The bylaw should be able to define desirable species from using the taller allowance to have no maintenance and the area to become a weed infested area that acts as a seed bank for the undesirable species.

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3/17/2023 05:02 PM

Very pleased to see this proposal. Let's not wait until it is too late!

Screen Name Redacted

3/17/2023 05:04 PM

within reason. No messy three foot high weeds.

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3/18/2023 07:07 AM

I believe in urban areas this should be done as pilot, with properties registering and provided with some type of signage to be posted, to help communicate the program and benefits.

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3/18/2023 11:24 AM

Less 4x4, lawnmower, motorbike pollution & smell.

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3/18/2023 05:23 PM

This bylaw should also allow for planting of plants that attract pollinators and butterflies. Many boulevards(owned by the city) are grass and we should be allowed to plant calendula, cosmos, cone flowers just to name a few. We should be protecting milkweed as this is an important plant for butterflies for food and for laying of eggs.

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3/18/2023 05:37 PM

In order to promote life of nature, this should definitely be promoted.

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3/19/2023 08:23 AM

I think encouraging pollinators is a great way forward for any community.

Screen Name Redacted

3/20/2023 07:04 AM

we enjoy visiting and exploring the Kawartha Lakes and support all means to keep it beautiful

Screen Name Redacted

3/21/2023 04:02 PM

I am concerned that the by law might just allow the town to be all weeds and not wildflowers etc., although insects like dandelions as well. A few workshops, news articles on wildflowers native to this area would be helpful. Will I be allowed to have a wildflower boulevard? Thanks.

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3/22/2023 01:50 PM

These types of surveys help us to feel hopeful for a better future

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3/24/2023 03:26 PM

it is alarming how the bee population has declined in the last couple of years. The same goes for butterflies and other insects. Nature is out of balance

Screen Name Redacted

3/24/2023 03:41 PM

There are other ways to provide pollinator habitats....encourage bee friendly gardens. Clover lawns (which bees love) do not grow tall and look more acceptable.

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3/24/2023 03:55 PM

Plants should reach their potential

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3/24/2023 04:07 PM

Residents can promote pollination in their own backyards by planting flower garden, that's what I have done. There are always plenty of

bees everyday enjoying and pollinating. Maybe more education on the reliance of bees on our food chain needs to be addressed.

Screen Name Redacted

3/24/2023 04:07 PM

We must do this grass lawns had their place as ornamental design for their time but we now know that that environmental sustainability & biodiversity must be put first and foremost. Let's be leaders. It can be done tastefully and beautifully.

Screen Name Redacted

3/24/2023 04:20 PM

Nature isn't a perfect mowed lawn or a waterfront to impress the Jones. We came here 50+ years ago because of the NATURAL HABITAT. We would like to see it back. Some laws should be the opposite. There is already too much development and we are encroaching on our precious wildlife! Once wildlife is gone, we are next!

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I am 100% behind letting grasses grow longer, many times grass cutters cut far too often and the pollution from their equipment is another concern.

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Dandelions are not weeds. They are a very important food source for bees in the spring. If we are a bee city then dandelions should be able to thrive in our city.

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The habitats should be regulated to exclude properties that are just neglected weeds.

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enforcement how will this be done?

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Ranking the above is pointless as they are all equally important to me and should be to everyone.

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if the reason is for above yes but maintained and not for because lazy. There are ways in which can be pleasing like planting wildflowers instead.

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All land owners should be allowed to do as they see fit within reason to support native pollinators, and the use of pesticides by all land owners should be restricted!!

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A lot of the success of this proposed change will depend on the amount of education of landowners is provided. Otherwise many will think "oh that's untidy, I better cut it to within 1/2inch of its life".

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What is being proposed amounts to promoting Urban Decay in Kawartha lakes. Some residents will use this as an opportunity to not bother to maintain their property. Kawartha until now has had high standards with well maintained homes and park lands. I have no problem with maintained properties with gardens that promote bees. The Crayola property is a great example of planted gardens to attract bees. Changing the current bylaw has potential to cause a decrease in property values. Kawartha Lakes needs to be a positive , well maintained community to attract new residents and tourism . Please do not implement the new changes.

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I would strongly suggest that this by-law govern the backyards or residential properties ONLY. Otherwise the neighborhood (City) will look unkept resulting in lack of care for the whole property and surrounding areas.

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Provide resources for planting and maintaining native plant species.

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More public awareness needs to happen to gain support for this.

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Seeing as Lindsay is already recognized as a pollinator friendly city by Bee City Canada, there should have already been an amendment in the by-laws to allow for more pollinator habitat to be grown and established on private property and commercial lands. Not everyone wants native habitat on their land to support pollinators and that's fine, but having a bylaw that punishes people who do want to create biodiversity, pollinator gardens and native habitat is absolutely ludicrous at a time that our pollinator species are declining at a rapid rate.

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Our municipality's greatest asset is the natural environment. We need to do even more to continue to support, and restore it, and incentivize property owners to think differently about how we use our greenspace. Less plain green lawns, more biodiversity, more pollinators. With more education, guidance and creative ideas this can become a beautiful point of differentiation in our community and a draw for

tourists. I'm in regional garden groups and homestead groups on social media and there is a growing interest to support initiatives like this by our residents.

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Encourage alternatives to lawns such as groundcovers (thyme) gardens, tall grasses, stone walkways, etc.

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There needs to be a clear definition between unkept property and a pollinator habitat.

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It is a start, to help the environment .

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I'm assuming existing regulations about noxious weeds etc. would still apply so that things like thistles don't spread unchecked

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Lawns are a dumb thing of the past. A status symbol that is so out of date for current times. Outdoor carpets for some close minded types. Sterile Outdoor carpets that are useless for fauna. Sure, people with kids should have a portion of their yard for playing but also have lots of pollinator friendly gardens as well. And It's time we STOP trying to tidy up nature. Don't get me started on raking and bagging leaves!!!  
Ridiculous

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Reduced mowing is a nice idea, but lets keep noxious and invasive weeds in control . controls needed for Thistles, giant hogweed , purple loostrife, poison ivy

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Need to oay attention to the environment before we don't have option to fix it

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This bylaw doesn't make sense when the environment is one of the focuses of the City. Plants and grasses are beautiful and should be encouraged! Lawns and the pesticides to maintain them are not beneficial to our pollinators or wildlife.

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For not causing undue health concerns for people with allergies/hay fever, there needs to be control of ragweed, which will go to flower/pollen at 8 inches. What controls are being considered?

**Optional question** (220 response(s), 231 skipped)

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