

## **Bird Friendly City Committee Report To Grasslands Naturalists AGM 2024**

This committee has been largely inactive in 2023 due to the fact that the City of Medicine Hat has decided to put this initiative on hold until they enact their new Environmental Framework which is intended to be approved sometime in mid 2024.

This committee is made up of myself, Marty Drut, Ian Turner, Angela Turner, and Dan Schiebelbein.

This initiative is the creation of Nature Canada who has developed a complex set of criteria by which a City or town in Canada can be declared a Bird Friendly City. Over 30 cities in Canada have already received this designation. Medicine Hat still has a way to go before achieving this status. Our city has to take certain actions, as does our society, in order to receive this designation. Recently, our committee contacted the City of Medicine Hat Department of the Environment and they confirmed that they are still committed to pursuing this designation with City Council once the Environmental Framework has been enacted.

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