

Kitchen Table Conversation Report

Name of Group/Organization: Invasion Art Show – Helen Schuler Nature Centre

Conversation Topic: Environmental Resources

Date: August – September, 2016

Describe your Conversation: For two months between August and September 2016, City of Lethbridge Planning and Development Services installed an art exhibit at the Helen Schuler Nature Centre as part of the “Invasion” Art Show.

The installation was designed as an interactive *paper mache* tree. Nature Centre visitors were invited to write on blank leaves and seeds, and then attach them to the tree. Leaves were used to capture actions that people, organizations and the City are doing in the area of environmental responsibility that people are proud of. Seeds represented ideas that people wanted to plant that could lead to future outcomes and action. Over the course of the Art Show, 199 different leaves and seeds were filled out and attached to the tree.



The following two word clouds reflect the most common themes, words and ideas from the seeds and leaves. A complete list of all responses received is found after the word clouds.

Leaves	Seeds
Recycle	Don't waste
Recycle	More food waste and compost bins in public areas
Recycle	No more garbage in oceans
bat houses	House to house recycling program
write a poem	Municipal composting
at home we have a garden	Curbside recycling
Recycle	Planting trees
Don't use pesticides	Compost
snake	Pick up garbage
reusing	Being kind to nature
recycle	Curbside recycling
reduce reuse recycle	Less smoking
bird in a tree	reuse and recycle
snake	Lethbridge needs backyard chickens
we picked peas from our work garden for the food banks	recycle
we picked peas from our work garden for the food banks	Compost
We go bowling as a family	cleaning rivers
I saw a golden eagle yesterday	mandatory business recycling
promoting cycling	Curbside recycling
planting saskatoon and berry plants to have fresh fruit annually	less paved trails
Recycle	Curbside recycling
enjoy our green spaces in Lethbridge	Cleaning trash
I don't litter	poop
I helped a suffering bee	stop using cars and factories
I love the nature centre	recycling cans
compost	stop using your car
pick up litter	salvage centre operating at the landfill to divert good garbage
composting	see Edmonton's waste centre of excellence
recycling	Volunteering for community service
trash cans	transit buses need to be more frequent
seeing citizens picking up garbage on their walks as they see any. Amazing.	To try not to pollute the air and the water
lots of parks	repair and salvage at the dump, spar parts sales from stoves etc

It's a great idea to have a large integrated pest management program with weedpulls and biocontrols	At least let people take usable garbage if they so choose
not littering	Pick up recycling weekly from houses
eat food	I will clean up litter
I think trees need to be planted more	More trees less buildings
reduce reuse recycle	More nature less industrial areas
compost	Vote Chris
xeriscape public spaces e.g., between roads and other difficult to maintain spaces	Keep the city clean
don't cut trees	more nature protected areas
don't kill bees or pick flowers in national parks	reuse recycle
fun	this is the only planet we have to lets not polute it
Planting and maintaining trees. Lethbridge's urban forest is what makes it good to live here	house to house recycling
I like to take care of my trees and flowers	Curbside recycling
be nice	Since you have community gardens they should put and build bumble bee houses there too
share	Without bees we cant grow
try to turn off the lights when wea re not in the room	Put food in random places
reduce reuse recycle	Pray for people to come together to sahare ideas and encourage one another to be your stewards
collecing cans	Curbside recycling
reduce reuse recycle	city wide curbside recycling
reduce reuse recycle	wind power and more solar power
cleaning up natural messes	More bike locks to encourage eco friendly transpor
reduce	stop polluting
reduce reuse recycle	less people
recycling	don't throw garbage
improving to have a better recycling system	stop polluting
be respectufl	curbside recycling service and composting
be nice to our environment	save the bees

recycle	use water wisely
bee save have fun	more bike lanes
we are xeriscaping our front yard	develop farms no longer farmed into conservatory - fund to assist
we are installing a rain barrel	Don't kill animals
reduce reuse recycle	Make more bat houses
recycling	the recycling centres are no longer available without a car so please reconsider removing the old centres
helping animals	stop bill 6
weed pulls	I will clean up and recycle
city clean ups	more funding for the nature centre and environment lethbridge
don't waste	for all schools to have water bottle refill stations like the one here
bees	We want to know more about wild life
reduce reuse recycle	don't cut trees
good stuff I guess	more community gardens
bees are amazing	residential blue bin recycling pick up program
love where you live	they have been better about recycling
the bees are good	we will all die if we don't help
clean up garbage	
clean up your garbage	
I love bees	
reduce reuse recycle	
recycling	
planting trees	
recycling	
lets control invasive species before they control us	
recycling	
planing a tree	
feel alive and free	
praying for all of us to appreciate and respect and far for our environment	
plant	
grow your own food	
don't pick plants	
no illegal cating	

HSNC conservation initiatives: coulee clean-up, shoreline clean-up, weed pulls, tree wraps
love all the community events here
nature is a beautiful thing
bio-controls that reduce chemicals in our environment to control plants and insects
recycling
They're using less water for their yards and more for plants
I love the nature centre
be kind to mother earth
cleaning up garbage
not littering and disturbing animals
reduce reuse recycle
bees bees bees
solar panels
keep our beautiful mature trees do not cut them down
I clean the tree
It was awesome
not littering
broaken trees
use solar panels
recycling
caring is sharing yay
People keeping their dogs on a leash
recycling, reuse and reduce please
compost
plant trees
plant trees
gardening
save the trees
recycle
cleaning up garbage
Too many rules in nature centre
switching out the street lights
I love trees
water plants and don't litter
treat it like your home