

Candace Savage

Canadian Author, Keynote Speaker

Candace Savage is a storyteller, community organizer and grandmother based in Saskatoon. She is the author of more than two dozen books, including Prairie: a natural history of the heart of North America and A Geography of Blood: unearthing memory from a prairie landscape. In addition to her work as a writer, she helps lead Wild about Saskatoon and the Swale Watchers, serves on the national council of The Writers' Union of Canada and plays accordion in the Saskatoon Fiddle Orchestra.

THE "SWEET CITY" CHALLENGE

Brrr, it's darkest February! So let's all go to Curridabad, Costa Rica. This suburb of San José is home to more than 75,000 people but its tally of inhabitants runs into the billions. That's because, in 2015, the local council extended citizenship to all living beings within its boundaries, from soil microbes to plants to birds and mammals, and rebranded the municipality as Ciudad Dulce, Sweet City. "Pollinators were the key," the mayor explained at the time. "The plan to convert every street into a biocorridor and every neighbourhood into an ecosystem required a relationship with them." In a province like Saskatchewan where more than 80% of the population now lives in cities and towns—in a world where urban expansion has been identified as a major cause of biodiversity loss—it is time to get sweet about cities as a site for demonstrating the value of conservation and creating refuges for wildlife. Find out how a local group of volunteers is working, one garden at a time, to turn Saskatoon into Ciudad Dulce Norte, a pollinator paradise.



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