



## Application

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## A) Application Information

**City/Township/  
First Nations Community**

and

**Province/Territory**

Corporation of the City of Stratford

### Applicant

City of Stratford, 100 Victoria Avenue, Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W3, Canada

Name **Quin Malott**  
Title **Parks, Forestry & Cemetery Manager**  
Organization or Department **Corporation of the City of Stratford**  
Address **PO Box 874**  
City/First Nation **Stratford** Province/Territory **Ontario**  
Postal Code **N5A 6W3** Phone **519-271-0250 ext. 246**  
Email **qmalott@stratford.ca**

### City or First Nations Community Liaison

City of Stratford, 100 Victoria Avenue, Stratford, Ontario N5A 6W3, Canada

check here if same as above

Name  
Title  
Department  
Address  
City/First Nation Province/Territory  
Postal Code Phone  
Email

## Mayor or Chief

Name Dan Mathieson  
Title Mayor  
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## Designated Media Contact

Name Quin Malott  
Title Parks, Forestry & Cemetery Manager  
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## B) Commitments and Actions

**I/we, the undersigned, understand that the Bee City Canada program consists of three commitments, and that we are taking the indicated actions to support those commitments:**

1. Adopt Bee City Canada Resolution following template provided by Bee City Canada. Draft Resolution (the exact language our City or First Nations Community will vote on) is attached.

The Resolution is scheduled for approval on April 10, 2017

2. **Assign Bee City Canada facilitation responsibilities to a new or existing City or First Nations Community commission or a non-profit organization as outlined in the Bee City Canada Resolution.**

*The members of the commission or the facilitators of the program are identified below as "Committee Members."*

Name of commission or  
non-profit organization

n/a

If new, date the commission or organizational  
committee was first convened:

Meeting Dates  
(past and future):

*List of Committee Members (expand as needed).*

**Name**

**Affiliation**

**Email Address**

Facilitation responsibilities include:

- Ensuring the City or First Nations Community hosts at least one public event to coincide with International Pollinator Week.
- Ensuring the City or First Nations Community hosts at least one habitat establishment or restoration activity each year as outlined in the Bee City Canada Resolution.

**3. Acknowledge the Bee City Canada declaration in public**, as outlined in the Bee City Canada Resolution, within one year of the date of this application.

### C) Signatures

Applicant

City/First Nations  
Community Liaison  
(if different from Applicant):



Signature

Signature

Quin Malott

Name

Name

April 27, 2017

Date

Date

## D) Next Steps

1. (Applicant) Email this completed application and draft resolution in PDF format with requested attachments to [applications@beecitycanada.org](mailto:applications@beecitycanada.org) with "APPLICATION" in the subject line.
2. (Bee City Canada) We will notify you of any further needs or adjustments to your draft resolution. Upon a favourable review, we will place your application in PENDING APPROVED status and notify you. Our goal will be to synchronize the public announcement process with your vote.
3. (Applicant) Once your community passes the Resolution, send a copy to us, noting any changes to the draft you submitted with your application.
4. (Bee City Canada) After reviewing your adopted Resolution, we will we will request any necessary clarification and formalize your status as APPROVED. Your community will be added to the declaration list on our website, and send you a Bee City Canada community certificate and artwork for you to produce your Bee City Canada street sign(s).
5. (Applicant) Keep us apprised of your news, questions, or needs. Send an end-of-year report of activities and renewal application to maintain your status. Enjoy the benefits of belonging to a network of communities who are taking a stand for pollinators and serve as resources to one another.

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**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY OF STRATFORD A *BEE CITY***

WHEREAS, the goal of *BEE CITY* certification is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to a combination of habitat loss, climate change, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases, with serious implications for the future health of flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, cities and their residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement among community stewards; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of (native and honey) bee-friendliness are:

- Healthy ecosystems--insect pollinators are required for pollination and reproduction of about 85% of flowering plants globally, plants that: 1) are vital for clean air and water; 2) provide food, fiber and shelter for people and wildlife; and 3) support the very insects that pollinate our crops and form the basis of food webs.
- Increased vegetable and fruit crop yields due to bee pollination. One in every three bites of food we eat is courtesy of insect pollination.
- Increased demand for pollinator friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers.
- Income earned by beekeepers and others through the sale of bee products, beekeeping equipment and supplies, and hive rentals for pollination; and, heightened prestige and premium asking prices for place-based honey, which enhances the visibility and reputation of its community of origin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stratford ("Stratford") in the Province of Ontario should be certified as a *BEE CITY* community because Stratford is currently undertaking a number of programs and initiatives supporting pollinator biodiversity including:

- Establishment of pollinator friendly habitat across the city, which engages local communities and provide educational opportunities through interpretive signage. Examples include: Confederation Park and Shakespeare Gardens,
- Planting thousands of annual plants in beds, hanging baskets and planters;
- Planting of flowering trees in parks and neighbourhoods;
- Supports naturalizing of river banks to allow many different flowering plants to flourish and support pollinators;
- Allowing a large multi-hectare natural area to flourish with flowering shrubs, trees and plants, including milk-weed, for pollinator habitats.

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession from spring to autumn.
- Provides clean water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling.
- Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial wildflowers, shrubs, trees, and grasses because many native pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-evolved.
- Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness.
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for native pollinators; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among municipal staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, Stratford agrees to meet the following commitments required of all *BEE CITY* communities:

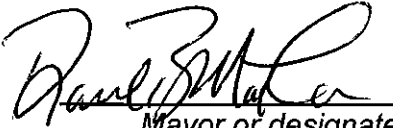
1. Adopt this *BEE CITY* resolution (which articulates these commitments).
2. Designate Stratford's Communities in Bloom (CIB) Advisory Committee as the Bee City program sponsor and an employee from Community Services as the Bee City program "liaison." The liaison, along with the CIB will assist the City in meeting its Bee City obligations by:
  - Annually celebrating National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations or promotions that showcase Stratford's commitment to enhancing pollinator biodiversity and habitat.
  - Annually apply for renewal of Stratford's *BEE CITY* designation and submit a report of the previous year's activities.
3. Publicly acknowledge Stratford's commitment by agreeing to a) display *BEE CITY* signage in a prominent location, and b) create/maintain information on Stratford's website which includes links to this signed Resolution and the *BEE CITY* website, contact information for Stratford's *BEE CITY* liaison and designated committee, and reports of the pollinator friendly activities Stratford accomplished during the previous year(s).



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL THAT:**

The CITY OF STRATFORD accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the *BEE CITY PROGRAM*.

Adopted this 10th day of April, 2017.



*Mayor or designate*

Daniel B. Mathieson  
Mayor