



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Resolution Number

(to be filled out by Bee City Canada)

Resolution Declaring

(Municipality/First Nation) St. Catharines

of Ontario (Province/Territory)

a Bee City

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WHEREAS, the goal of joining Bee City Canada is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinators – there are over 800 native bee species in Canada and over 20,000 worldwide; and

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

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

WHEREAS, supporting bees and other pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of pollinator-friendliness are:

- **Healthy ecosystems** — pollinators are required for reproduction of about 85% of flowering plants globally, plants that:
 - 1) are vital for clean air and water;
 - 2) provide food, fibre, medicine and shelter for people, livestock and wildlife; and
 - 3) support the species that pollinate crops and form the basis of food webs.
- **Increased vegetable and fruit crop yields** due to insect pollination. Pollinators provide 65% of the food we eat.
- **Increased demand for pollinator friendly plant materials** from local nurseries and growers.
- **Increased support and awareness for city wide pollinator initiatives**
- **Increased economic benefits of ecotourism.**

WHEREAS, (Municipality/First Nations Community) THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES

in the Province/Territory of ONTARIO should become a **Bee City** because:

OFFICIALLY ST-CATHARINES IS KNOWN AS THE "GARDEN CITY" DUE TO ITS 1,000 ACRES OF PARKS, GARDENS AND TRAILS. WE ARE UNITED IN OUR EFFORTS TO BOTH PROTECT + ENCOURAGE NEW HABITAT FOR ALL POLLINATORS WITHIN OUR CITY.

BECOMING A BEE CITY WILL NOT ONLY ADVANCE OUR MISSION, IT WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE PLATFORM FROM WHICH WE CAN COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS THE COLLECTIVE GOAL OF MAINTAINING A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY THAT THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES HAS EMBRACED, AND IS COMMITTED TO. DOING OUR PART TO SUPPORT POLLINATORS IS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY TO US NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE.

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides *diverse* and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession from early spring to late autumn.
- Provides water for drinking, cooling, nest-building and butterfly puddling.
- Has been designated pesticide-free.
- Is composed of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial trees, shrubs, native grasses, wildflowers, ground cover and vines, which have co-evolved with native pollinators.
- Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness.
- Provides undisturbed spaces (un-mulched areas of soil and sand, pithy stemmed stalks, 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 staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, (City/Township/First Nations Community) agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee Cities:

1. Adopt and pass this Bee City Canada resolution.
2. Designate a local municipal government department/band council as the Bee City Canada program sponsor and an employee from this department as the Bee City Canada program "**liaison**;" and assign facilitation of the local Bee City Canada program either to
 - a) a new or existing group and/or
 - b) a non-profit organization, to encourage and coordinate pollinator habitat and awareness activities. This body will facilitate enhancement of pollinator awareness, conservation and habitat, fulfilling the following commitments:

- develop a **Pollinator Habitat Plan** that will include a locally native, pollinator-friendly plant list with regional sources for such plants and a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) plan. The plant list and IPM plan will guide the management of lands to improve and expand pollinator habitats. It will be publicized and promoted on the web to offer a valuable landscape-management model for other residents.
- respond to scientific concerns over the impact of harmful chemicals on pollinators by adopting a plan to purchase pollinator safe nursery plants and materials.
- describe the pollinator goals by focusing on the quantity and quality of pollinator friendly habitat. What is the overall pollinator vision.
- **annually celebrate** National Pollinator Week (third week of June) and, if possible, some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, celebrations or promotions that showcase the community's commitment to enhancing native pollinator health through biodiversity and habitat.
- Annually **apply for renewal** to Bee City Canada and submit a report of the previous year's activities.

4. Publicly acknowledge the City/Township/First Nations Community's commitment by agreeing to:

- a) display Bee City Canada signage in a prominent location, and
- b) create and maintain information on your website which includes links to this signed Resolution and the Bee City Canada's website, contact information for your Bee City Canada liaison and reports of the pollinator friendly activities the city has accomplished the previous year(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THAT:

The (City/Town/First Nations Community) THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES accepts

the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada program.

Read, approved, and adopted this

26 day of July, 20 17.

City of St Catharines

Municipality/First Nation



Signature of Mayor/Chief (or appropriate elected official)

Walter Sendzik,

Print Mayor or Chief's name

Mayor

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