



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Bee City Canada Renewal

Congratulations on your continued commitment to supporting pollinator health!
Your efforts and dedication are having a positive impact in your community
and across Canada.

As part of the Bee City Canada renewal process, we ask that you share with us
some information about your experiences to date and your plans
for the upcoming year.

Application Form

(Name of Municipality/First Nation)

(Province/Territory)

Please send renewal application to applications@beecitycanada.org

Suggested Activities:

Habitat:

- Work with growers and experts to develop a Pollinator-Friendly Species List of attractive plants that: are native to your locale, provide food or nesting materials for pollinators, and are available from local seed and plant suppliers.
- Identify areas that can be enhanced for pollinator habitat.
- Collaborate with public and private groups to host plantings and invasive species removal.
- Track annual area of pollinator habitat created or enhanced by square footage and/or acreage.
- Include educational signage near habitat whenever possible to encourage others to create their own.

Policies & Practices:

- Develop and adopt a Recommended Pollinator-Friendly Species List of attractive plants that: are native to your county, provide food or nesting materials for pollinators, and are available from local seed and plant suppliers.
- Create incentives for or require developers to use native, pollinator friendly plants in their landscaping.
- Identify an inventory of Municipality/First Nation land that could be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings.
- Create disincentives for or bans on using pesticides for cosmetic purposes on municipal property, or within the municipality's jurisdiction
- Develop a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) plan.
- Review the Municipality/First Nation Plan and other relevant documents for ways to support pollinator conservation using methods mentioned above.

Education & Outreach:

- Provide staff development regarding managing landscapes to sustain pollinators.
- Provide public education through workshops, brochures, websites and media regarding best practices to sustain pollinators.
- Plant and/or label native, pollinator-friendly plants in highly visible locations.
- Recognize businesses, residents, or neighbourhoods for establishing and maintaining pollinator friendly habitats and demonstration gardens.
- Encourage mowing lawns less frequently to allow dandelions and clover to bloom, or replace lawns with pollinator meadows.
- Report pollinator-friendly activities in the media and on your Bee City Canada web page.
- Collaborate with the Department of Transportation to make roadsides pesticide-free native pollinator meadows.
- Host citizen science projects to inventory pollinators.