



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Draft Resolution for

City of Oshawa
(Municipality or First Nation)

of Ontario
(Province or Territory)

**for approval by
City Council, Band Council
or Appropriate Official.**

Bee City Canada Resolution

Present this document to City/Band Council for approval and sign-off by Mayor, Chief or appropriate official. Send signed document, along with completed Bee City Canada Application form, to applications@beecitycanada.org for review and to receive official Bee City designation.

If you have any questions about this process, please call Shelly Candel at 647-402-0133.

WHEREAS the goal of Bee City Canada designation is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for pollinators;

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

THAT cities/townships/First Nation communities and their residents have the opportunity to support bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

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

THAT by becoming a Bee City, the City/Township/First Nation can highlight initiatives already in place and further engage local communities in an environment of creativity and innovation which will promote a healthier life for our community;

THAT staff be authorized to submit the Bee City Canada Application to designate (City/Township/First Nation) as a Bee City; and

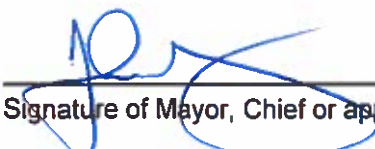
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT (City/Township/First Nation) accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada Program.

Read, approved and adopted this

3rd day of OCTOBER, 2018.

CITY OF OSHAWA
Municipality/First Nation


Signature of Mayor, Chief or appropriate official

John Henry
Print Mayor, Chief or official's name



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Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Municipality/First Nation: City of Oshawa

Province/Territory: Ontario

Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission

Name & Title: John Henry, Mayor

Name of Applicant & Title: Tanya Steffler, Parks and Environmental Services Tech.

Organization or Department: City of Oshawa

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City/First Nation: Oshawa

Province/Territory: ON

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Bee City Liaison & Title (if not Applicant): Same- Tanya Steffler

Please list the members of your community's **Bee City Working Group**. This group will oversee the Bee City program. (expand or reduce table as required)

| Name | Affiliation | Email |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Lindsay Allward | Supervisor, City of Oshawa | lallward@oshawa.ca |
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| Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee | City of Oshawa's Environmental Advisory Committee | |

Media Contact (if not Applicant)

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Department: Corporate Communications

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Tell us about any initiatives currently taking place in your city, community or region which aim to help pollinators. These may include existing pollinator gardens, habitat restoration projects, efforts to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides and public education activities to raise awareness about pollinators.

- The City of Oshawa was one of the first Municipalities in Canada to incorporate a Pest Management Program for City land prior to the Pesticide Act coming into effect. A program was created to help keep the turf healthy without the use of pesticides. Education included newspaper ads, radio ads, flyers and workshops. We educated Councilors, residents and user groups about alternatives to pesticides. The City will continue to comply with the Pesticides Act which includes not using pesticides for cosmetic purposes.
- The City's Boulevard By-Law was amended to encourage pollinator planting on City boulevards, as long as they obey the height restrictions.
- Oshawa has five formal pollinator gardens, and four community gardens with pollinator plants all throughout them. The City also has 190 formal annual and perennial gardens that beautify the city as well as flowering hanging baskets in the downtown area. Many of these flowering plants provide pollen to various species of insects.
- The City also ensures, as much as possible, that any waterways have a buffer area that is not mowed to increase naturalization and to protect the water and are incorporating low mow or no mow areas in to new and existing parks.

- The City has many volunteer tree planting events to increase the number of trees in naturalized areas. The City has also won grants to assist in the restoration of Durham Court Park, Lakefront West Park, and the Legends pollinator garden.

B) Commitments and Actions

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

1. **Creating Healthy Pollinator Habitat:** Describe your plans to create, improve and maintain pollinator habitat, while reducing or eliminating pesticide use.
 - The City will continue to maintain the pollinator gardens already planted throughout the City and add to them when possible.
 - The City is looking into reducing the number of locations that are rough cut throughout the City and incorporating no mow/ low mow species into these areas. Some locations will be reduced in size, while others may be entirely allowed to grow back into a natural state, depending on location and resident requirements of these areas.
 - The City also applies for grants for various opportunities, so staff would look into any grants that would be associated to pollinator gardens.
 - The City will continue to follow the Integrated Pest Management practices to eliminate the use of pesticides.
2. **Education about Pollinators:** Describe how you plan to educate community members about the importance of pollinators.
 - The City plans to educate the community about pollinators on the City's web site, social media, through educational signs at the gardens. The City Centers all have television monitors that cycle through with important information for residents, so these would be employed as well.

3. **Celebrating Pollinators:** Describe how you plan to celebrate pollinators during International Pollinator Week (third week of June) or at other times.

- The City has many festivals and events throughout the year, which can be utilized to educate residents about pollinators.

C) Other Requirements

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City Canada designation through the city/region/community website, signage and other means.
2. Annually re-apply for Bee City Canada designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

D) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. One or more photos representing your city/region/community for use on the Bee City website and social media platforms. These could showcase pollinator initiatives or the members of your Bee City Working Group.
2. Your city, region or First Nation logo (png format) and any usage guidelines.

F) Signatures

Applicant and Bee City Canada Liaison



Signature

Tanya Steffler

Print Name

Parks Technician

Title

Oct 9, 2018

Date

G) Next Steps

1. (Applicant) Email completed application and resolution (in PDF format) with requested attachments to applications@beecitycanada.org with "APPLICATION" in the subject line.
2. (Bee City Canada) Your application will be reviewed within three business days. We will notify you as soon as your application has been approved or promptly request any clarification, if necessary.

H) Bee City Canada's Commitment

Bee City Canada is committed to publicizing your designation as a Bee City through our website, social media and other channels. In addition, our "Bee City Welcome Package" will be sent to you and will include:

1. An official declaration, recognizing your city or First Nation as a Bee City.
2. An aid with helpful ideas for communities joining the Bee City Canada program.
3. Our media kit to use for making Bee City Canada signs and other artwork.

Bee City Canada is grateful for your commitment to take positive actions to help pollinators and for being a role model to other communities across Canada.

Picture of staff and residents planting the Legends Pollinator garden 2018



City of Oshawa formal garden



