



# Bee City Canada Application

## A) City Information

**Municipality/First Nation:** The Corporation of the City of Waterloo

Province/Territory: Ontario

### **Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission**

Name & Title: Dave Jaworsky, Mayor

**Name of Applicant:** Jeff Silcox-Childs, Director of Environment & Parks Services

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**Bee City Liaison:** Peggy Stevens, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator

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### **Media Contact**

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Tell us about any initiatives currently taking place in your city 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 Waterloo, Community Services, Environment & Parks Services division currently undertakes a number of programs and initiatives that support healthy native pollinator populations including:

- Foster environmental education at local events
- Foster community-based stewardship through environmental stewardship programs (e.g. Partners in Parks program, Laurel Creek Citizens working group)
- Support naturalization of passive parkland through our community planting program involving the planting of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, woodland herbaceous plants
- Support community vegetable garden initiatives on public parkland
- Plant thousands of annual flowers in beds, hanging baskets and planters
- Plant flowering trees within parks and street boulevards
- Living Legacy program (2017) donated 2,017 native trees to Waterloo residents to plant on their own private property
- Policies and guidelines developed relating to naturalization efforts: Naturalization policy (2008); Mowing strategy (in progress); Native seed mix (in progress)
- Internal policy standards relating to bee, wasp and hornet nests in trees on street boulevards and parks (2008)
- Acquisition of environmental lands and associated buffer areas for long-term preservation such as natural regeneration of McNalley Lands (old alfalfa field) and establishing the University of Waterloo environmental reserve surrounding Westmount Sports Park
- Wildflower pilot project (meadow land adjacent to Forested Hills ESPA#19)
- City webpage education: Weeds, plants and lawns information:
  - Naturally Your Waterloo – A Guide to Environmental Stewardship (2012)
  - Plant health-care program focusing on maintaining healthy turf and soil which works with nature; turf care techniques help to create turf that is at its own best defence against weeds, insects, disease and other stress and is a healthy alternative to pesticide spraying

## **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:

Upon designation as a “Bee City“, the City of Waterloo will establish and maintain a Pollinator Working Group involving community members and a City staff liaison to oversee the Bee City program initiatives in Waterloo. This working group will carry out the three required commitments:

- a. Creating healthy native pollinator habitat on municipal parkland
- b. Educating the community about the importance of native pollinators
- c. Celebrating native pollinators during International Pollinator Week (3<sup>rd</sup> week of June) or at other times

## **C) Other Requirements**

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City Canada designation through a City of Waterloo webpage, signage and other means.
2. Annually re-apply for Bee City Canada designation.

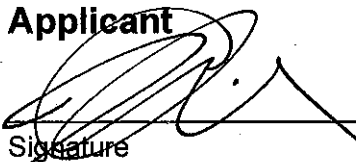
## **D) Requested Attachments**

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 Working Group.
2. Your city, region or First Nation logo (png format) and any usage guidelines.

## F) Signatures

### Applicant

  
Signature

Mar 7, 2018.  
Date

Jeff Silcox-Childs

Print Name

Director of Environment & Parks Services

Title

## G) Next Steps

1. (Applicant) Email completed application and 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) 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.