



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Municipality/First Nation: Township of Selwyn

Province/Territory: Ontario

Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission

Name & Title: Mary Smith, Mayor

Name of Applicant & Title: Angela Chittick, Manager of Community & Corporate Services/ Clerk

Organization or Department: Township of Selwyn

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Bee City Liaison & Title (if not Applicant): Tania Goncalves, Deputy Clerk

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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
Ceci Leigh	Lakefield & District Horticultural Society	gardeners@lakefieldhort.org
Helen Young	Ennismore & District Horticultural Society	h.young@bell.net
Wendy Baggs	Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre	info@ontarioturtle.ca
Meredith Carter	Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA)	mcarter@otonabeeconservation.com

Media Contact (if not Applicant)

Name & Title: Same as applicant

Department _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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 Township of Selwyn along with various community and not-for-profit groups has supported and undertaken a number of initiatives to enhanced pollinator health. This is demonstrated through a variety of projects including:

- Collaborating with the Lakefield & District Horticultural Society and local residents to create a pollinator garden in Isabel Morris Park inclusive of planting native wildflowers enriched with nectar and pollen; as well as constructing a bee condo and educational signage.
- Educating the public on the importance of pollinators through the Lakefield & District Horticultural Society sale of “Pollinator Calendars”.
- Training and educating community members through the Ennismore & District Horticultural Society information meetings regarding the plight of the pollinator, effects of pesticides and pollinator habitat.
- Collaborating with the Ennismore & District Horticultural Society to establish a “Memorial Forest/Garden” at the Ennismore Waterfront Park complete with native tree plantings and a bee house.
- Creating environments throughout the municipality to encourage pollination such as the Ennismore & District Horticultural Society’s initiative of planting 1,000 tulip bulbs in partnership with a local elementary school as well as planting annual flowers to add colour and food for pollinators at various local gardens.
- Partnering with Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) and Lakefield College School to naturalize the shoreline along the Otonabee River by planting native shrubs and vegetation including: winterberry, sweet gale, Shrubby cinquefoil, fragrant sumac, flowering raspberry, white yarrow, pearly everlasting, canada anemone, columbine, red milkweed, butterfly weed, new england aster, lance leaf tickseed, purple coneflower, fireweed, blanket flower, bottle gentian, ox eye sunflower, blue flag iris, turk's cap lily, blue flax, virginia bluebells, wild blue phlox, black eyed susan, canada goldenrod, red osier dogwood, dwarf bush honeysuckle, St. John's wort.
- Promoting “Take a Seed – Leave a Seed” at local libraries to encourage residents including children to begin gardening and grow flowers to attract and feed pollinators.
- Partnering with ORCA by undertaken planting or habitat enhancement activities that support pollinators such as:

- Native plantings along Hague Blvd including witchhazel, common elderberry, red osier dogwood, meadowsweet; highbush cranberry, black chokeberry.
- Native plantings at the Lakefield Beach including indian grass, bush honeysuckle, prairie dropseed, little bluestem, strawberry, new jersey tea, purple coneflower, prairie smoke, cylindrical blazing star, virginia mountain mint, early saxifrage, butterfly milkweed.
- Encouraging habitat enhancement through a partnership with ORCA, the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre and various community and school groups to plant three pollinator gardens consisting of 380 plants and one large Swiss Alps Bee House at the Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre.
- Committing to pesticide free community space by having Township stall only preform hand/tool removal of weeds.

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 Township will continue to work with community members and groups to enhance and establish pollinator friendly habitat including creating additional pollinator gardens or expand existing ones.
 - Through the local Horticultural Societies and organizations such as ORCA, the Township will continue to explore areas to plant additional native plants, shrubs and trees in Township gardens, parks and along shorelines.
 - The Township will work with ORCA to continue to plant important pollinator trees throughout the Township as part of an environmental rehabilitation program.
 - Promote and encourage homeowners to plant with native species and reduce pesticide use.
2. **Education about Pollinators:** Describe how you plan to educate community members about the importance of pollinators.
 - Include educational signage at bee house and pollinator gardens.

- Create a communication piece for the Township e-Newsletter which has a distribution list of over 600+ subscribers as well as promote pollinator education through the Townships various social media platforms and website.
 - Continue to provide community information session through the Horticultural Societies on topics such as avoiding pesticides and chemical fertilizers; encouraging the buying of native plants that have been grown in local conditions; planting pollinator gardens etc...
3. **Celebrating Pollinators:** Describe how you plan to celebrate pollinators during International Pollinator Week (third week of June) or at other times.
- The Township and partners will celebrate and promote International Pollinator Week through engaging community members via social media, the Township website, the Township's e-Newsletter, and the Spotlight (bi-weekly print advertisement). These promotional pieces will also be shared with our partners for cross promotion. International Pollinator Week will also be advertised on Township LED signage.

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

Ayla Chubb

Signature

manager of Community +
Corporate Services/ Clerk

Title

Angela Chittick

Print Name

June 29.18

Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)

JLSO

Signature

Deputy Clerk

Title

Tania Goncalves.

Print Name

June 29.18

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.