



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Municipality: City of Airdrie

Province/Territory: Alberta

Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission

Name & Title Peter Bown (Mayor)

Name of Applicant & Title Stephen Utz - Manager, Community Growth

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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)

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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 Airdrie is currently engaged in a number of initiatives aimed at enhancing pollinator habitats and promoting pollinator diversity in the community.

- The City is actively creating and maintaining areas within our parks and open space network specifically dedicated as pollinator areas to enhance our pollinator habitats. Within these areas we have native trees, shrubs, and forbs plantings. Nesting areas are created in the pollinator areas by drilling holes into old in-situ fence posts and popular trunk segments. Portions of the park areas are also intentionally left bare to encourage ground nesting bees.
- As part of our Urban Agriculture program, the City launched an urban beekeeping pilot project that allows hives on private property, and in public and on City-owned spaces. The objective of the urban beekeeping pilot project is to build awareness about pollinators in our community and the benefits they bring to the community.
 - Urban Beekeeping in public and on City-owned spaces pilot project consisted of the City relocating a single beehive onto city owned lands between June – September 2018. The main goal of this project was to help build public awareness in the community about pollinators in advance of the urban beekeeping pilot project on private properties. Two ‘Open Hive Days’ events were hosted at the site to educate the public about the importance of bees to our community. At these events residents were given an opportunity to learn more about urban beekeeping from the Beekeeper and to get an up-close look at the hive.
 - In April 2019 the City will be launching the Urban Beekeeping Pilot Project on private properties. The project will afford Administration the opportunity to evaluate the full impact, benefits and weaknesses of an urban beekeeping program prior to a potential citywide implementation. Participants will be recruited from both residential and non-residential properties. As part of the project mandate training on beekeeping will be offered to interested persons in the community.
- The City of Airdrie has a community orchard with varieties of apple, plum and cherry trees; pear tree, hazelnut bushes, honeyberry bushes and saskatoons bushes. The orchard is maintained by both city staff and volunteers from the community. The fruits are free for the

picking by residents. The orchard provides habitats for various pollinators and serves a food source for pollinators and residents alike.

- The City of Airdrie has one existing Community Garden and second is in the early stages of development. The City works collaboratively with the Horticulture Community to manage the Community Gardens. The Community Garden will be beneficial to a wide variety of pollinators both as a food source and as enhanced habitats.
- The goal of our Integrated Pest Management Plan is to keep City park spaces within our established threshold levels with minimal use of Pesticides. Reduction of pesticide use affects the environment and human health through examination of alternative pest management tools.

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, maintaining and/or improving pollinator habitat;
2. Educating the community, employees and/or customers about the importance of pollinators; and
3. Celebrating pollinators during International Pollinator Week (June 17-23) or at other times.

C) Other Requirements

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City Canada designation through the City of Airdrie website, 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 Bee City Working Group.
2. Your city, region or First Nation logo (png format) and any usage guidelines.

E) Signatures

Applicant



Signature
Manager Community
Growth & Protective Services

Title


Stephen Utz

Print Name

December 17, 2018

Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)



Signature
Senior Planner

Title

Gail R. Gibeau

Print Name

December 17, 2018

Date

F) 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.

G) 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.

Bee City Canada Resolution

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 of Airdrie 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 The City of Airdrie as a Bee City; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT The City of Airdrie accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada Program.

Read, approved and adopted this

5th day of November, 2018.

CITY OF AIRDRIE
Municipality/First Nation



Signature of Mayor, Chief or appropriate official

MAYOR PETER BROWN
Print Mayor, Chief or official's name