



Bee City Canada

Application

DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER



## A) City or Community Information

**Municipality/First Nation: DISTRICT OF CLEARWATER**

Province/Territory- **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission**

Name & Title: **MAYOR MERLIN BLACKWELL**

**Name of Applicant & Title: LESLIE GROULX, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Organization or Department: **ADMINISTRATION**

Address: **209 DUTCH LAKE ROAD,**

City/First Nation: **CLEARWATER** Province/Territory: **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Postal Code **V0E 1N2**

Email: **lgroulx@docbc.ca** Phone: **250-674-2257**

**Bee City Liaison & Title** (if not Applicant): **Joanna Hurst, Food Security Program**

Coordinator

Organization or Department: **YellowHead Community Services**

Address: **209 Dutch Lake Road**

City/First Nation: **Clearwater** Province/Territory **BC**

Postal Code **V0E 1N2**

Email: **joanna.h@yellowheadcs.ca** Phone: **250-674-3530**

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)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Email</b>
Liz Shook	Clearwater Bee Club, Raft River Elementary School	<a href="mailto:eshook@sd73.bc.ca">eshook@sd73.bc.ca</a>
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Melissa Neubauer	Clearwater Secondary School	<a href="mailto:mneubauer@sd73.bc.ca">mneubauer@sd73.bc.ca</a>

**Media Contact** (if not Applicant)

**Name & Title: Leslie Groulx, Chief Administrative Officer**

**Department: Administration**

**Email [lgroulx@docbc.ca](mailto:lgroulx@docbc.ca) Phone: 250-674-2257**

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 District of Clearwater will work with the District's Bee City Working Group to host the following initiatives for the 2019 year:

- 1) Pollinator Gardens at local schools and community garden.
- 2) Beekeepers Club has meetings and field trips for new and experienced beekeepers.
- 3) Seedy Saturday April 6, 2019 – Pollinator awareness display, information, free pollinator-friendly seeds and plants, children's activities, children's art display.

- 4) Day of the Honey Bee May 29, 2019 – Pollinator Picnic and Planting Day at local elementary school – school wide celebration with bee club and council members. Demonstration hive and honeybee information at the local Farmers Market.
- 5) Harvest Faire September 2019 – Honey tasting event and children’s activities.
- 6) “Bee-Friendly” yard signs available by donation to community members that commit to eliminating pesticide use and preserving pollinator habitat on their property.

## **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 District of Clearwater is committed to creating Bee pollinating habitats by:

- a) Supporting community and school gardens through assisting with watering, providing some staff / contractor time to upkeep school gardens during the summer months when school is closed.
- b) Set policy to ensure selection of pollinator friendly plants including native trees, shrubs, and grasses for our community parks. Encourage community and local gardeners to plant herbs and vegetables that are pollinators.
- c) Through the Community Recreation / Healthy Living program, the District will encourage and organize an annual garden tour including both flower and vegetables.
- d) Within parks and boulevard areas, ensure where possible that any waterways have a buffer area that is not mowed to increase naturalization and to protect the water.
- e) Adopt a “pesticide free” free policy for District properties and encourage community members to abide by the same.

2. **Education about Pollinators:** Describe how you plan to educate community members about the importance of pollinators.

- a) The District will provide educational information bulletins on the Districts social media forums – Facebook, website, newsletters, in Community Recreation /

Healthy Living Guide, local newspaper and signage in parks where pollinators are planted. The municipal hall also has a TV monitor that cycles through information pertinent to community services and municipal initiatives.

- b) Work with Yellowhead Community Services – Food Security Program Coordinator to host education sessions, herb planting workshop, best bee pollinator plantings.
- c) Add newsletter article to the April community newsletter on how to plan a garden for pollinators. Bee Showy, Bee Bountiful, and Bee Patient with flowers and vegetables in your garden!!

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

- a) The District will highlight Pollinator Week (June 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>) in our community newsletter, on our website and Facebook page.
- b) Work with the local Bee Club and Farmers Market to highlight International Bee Pollinator Week - Saturday June 22, 2019.
- c) Contact the Thompson Nicola Regional District Library Director to request an educational event at the local library in Clearwater.

## **C) Other Requirements**

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

- 1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City Canada designation through the **District of Clearwater website, Facebook page, community newsletter, local newspaper and signage in our community parks.**
- 2. Annually re-apply for Bee City Canada designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

## **D) Requested Attachments**

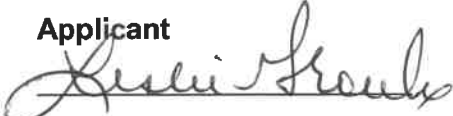
With your completed application, please provide:

- 1. One or more photos representing District of Clearwater 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

**Leslie Groulx**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

**March 22, 2019**

**Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)**

  
Signature

Joanna Hurst

**Food Security Program Coordinator**

March 22, 2019

## F) Next Steps

(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.

1. (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.



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**Photos of Clearwater –**

**There is lots to Love in Clearwater**



**Community Garden Tour**





## **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 District of Clearwater 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 District of Clearwater as a Bee City; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the District of Clearwater accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada Program.

Read, approved and adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

District of Clearwater  
Municipality



Signature of Mayor,

Merlin Blackwell