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Bee City School/Campus Application Form

Little Prints - Blessed Trinity Teaching Garden
(School/College/University/Educational Institution)

Toronto, Ontario
(Province/Territory)

A) School Information:

School/College/University/Educational Institution:

Little Prints Daycare/Blessed Trinity Catholic School

3205 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M2K 1G3

B) Applicant Information:

Name: Irene Udo Position: Executive Director, Little Prints Daycare

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C) Becoming a Bee School/Campus

Briefly summarize why your school/campus/educational institution should become a Bee City School/Campus (add/remove lines as needed).

The Little Prints Blessed Trinity Teaching Garden has just yielded its second harvest. This raised bed garden has brought our elementary school, daycare and summer camp together through workshops in science, art and literacy, as well as innovative seasonal celebrations (Blessing of the Garden, The Big Soup, Sunflower Friendship Festival). Becoming a Bee School is an appropriate next step in the development of our garden curriculum.

D) Commitments and Actions

In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools/Campuses:

1. **Adopt this Bee City Canada Resolution.**
2. **Create a Bee City Working Group**, the team which will be responsible for the Bee City program at your school/campus. We recommend a committee of at least two teachers/instructors and two students as well as parent(s) and caretaking/facilities staff, when possible. Expand table to add more rows, as needed.

Name	Role	Email address
Irene Udo	Exec. Director Little Prints Day-care & Garden Coordinator	ireneudo@littleprintsdaycare.com
Pam Mastroianni	Special Ed Teacher/Garden Coordinator	pammastroianni5@gmail.com
Heather Smith	Special Projects Coordinator	hes@rogers.com
Maureen Trabucco	Grade 3 & 4 Teacher/Garden Coordinator & Science specialist	maureen.trabucco@tcdsb.org

3. **Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:** Outline any initiatives which aim to improve, maintain or create new habitat for pollinators. Examples could include planting a locally native pollinator garden at your school or in the local community. Describe your plans for habitat and include a plant list, if possible.

Our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students built a lasagna garden this November with recycled and compostable materials they collected. This bed will be planted as a pollinator garden with native plants come Spring. Becoming a Bee School would give this project a hook - some 'buzz' as it were. This winter we will highlight what's happening with bees and other pollinators via the science curriculum. Our students will then have an opportunity to take action and effect change by researching appropriate plants, growing seedlings and designing and planting the garden in the spring. Becoming a Bee School will also provide themes/inspiration for spring workshops and celebrations, as well as for our summer camp programs.

4. **Promote Education about Pollinators:** Outline any initiatives aimed at educating students, staff, volunteers, parents and/or the local community about pollinators.

[See above.](#)

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5. **Celebrate Pollinators:** Tell us about how your school/campus will celebrate International Pollinator Week and/or participate in other pollinator-themed events.

Pollinator Week will correspond with our annual Planting Week when all junior classes participate in the garden clean up, turning the soil, planting the nine raised beds and watering. This year we will also be planting the new Pollinator Garden, researched and designed by the students. The week culminates with The Blessing of the Garden, a festival of the arts in the garden highlighted by a blessing by the local parish priest.

E) Other Requirements

1. Publicly acknowledge receiving your Bee City designation through your website, social media and by displaying Bee City Canada signage in a prominent location.
Signage will be displayed on our large garden bulletin board in a high traffic area in the school. We will publicize the Bee School designation in all appropriate garden themed materials distributed to parents via school, daycare and camp. Depending on the signage, we can also display it in the garden.
2. Annually apply to renew your Bee City designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

F) Resolution and Signature

WHEREAS the goal of Bee City Canada 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 schools, colleges, universities and learning institutions have the opportunity to take actions to support pollinators by creating healthy habitats within their grounds and the broader community; and

THAT supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases

interactions and engagement among school/campus community stewards; and

THAT staff be authorized to submit the Bee City Canada Application to designate (school/college/university/learning institution) as a Bee City School/Campus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT [Little Prints Blessed Trinity Teaching Garden](#) accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada Program.

Read, approved and adopted this

14th day of February, 2019.

Signature of Principal/President/Official: [per Irene Udo & Pam Mastroianni](#)

Please print Principal/President/Official's name: [Irene Udo & Pam Mastroianni](#).

Submitted by: [Irene Udo](#) **Date:** [Febuary 14, 2019](#)

G) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. Your school/college/university/institution logo (in png format) and usage guidelines.
2. (optional) One or more photos representing your school/college/university/institution for use on the Bee City Canada website and social media platforms.

Send your completed application to: applications@beecitycanada.org.