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Bee City School/Campus Application Form

_____ St. Mary Catholic Elementary School _____

(School/College/University/Educational Institution)

_____ Ontario _____

(Province/Territory)

A) School Information:

School/College/University/Educational Institution__St Mary Catholic Elementary School_

Address_____75 Greenside Dr____

City/First Nation____Nobleton__ Province/Territory____Ontario____

Postal Code____L0G 1N0____ Phone____905-859-3336_____

B) Applicant Information:

Name____Alison Perry____ Position____Gr 4 Teacher____

Email____Alison.Perry@ycdsb.ca____ Phone____416-705-7287____

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).

St. Mary has been an ECO School since 2015, when we achieved a Silver status. At that time, we had not even looked at the Schoolyard Greening section of this application. The next year we made an active effort at achieving Gold Status, focusing on our Schoolyard Greening efforts. Since 2016, we have added outdoor classrooms, bird nesting boxes and planted trees. Additionally, our school and the community has had an ever increasing awareness of how "small steps can make a big difference" and our impact on our world. This year, our ECO Team is striving for Platinum and we are looking at new ways to improve our outdoor space from both an environmental viewpoint as well as a wonderful learning space/experience for our students. Becoming a Bee School seems a natural fit for our philosophy, not to mention in keeping with the fact that King Township is Canada's ninth Bee City.

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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.

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Alison Perry	Teacher	Alison.Perry@ycdsb.ca
Andrea Maggisano	Teacher	Andrea.Maggisano@ycdsb.ca
Domenic Simone	Head Custodian	Domenic.Simone@ycdsb.ca
ECO Team Members	Various students across the grades	

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.

St. Mary will establish a locally native pollinator garden at the school. They will take steps to ensure all requirements are considered to include: Propose best location on school grounds for the garden, Source indigenous pollinator plants and other requirements to build the garden, determine cost of preparing garden and fundraise for materials (including presenting to parent council for potential donation), prepare timeline for the installation of the garden, determine maintenance requirement of the garden, generate interest from parent community to assist with the project (those with specific expertise) and any other considerations.

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

St. Mary staff is exceptional at promoting healthy environments, whether it be mental health, physical health or our natural environment. The initial education piece is to make the entire school aware of our goal (through an assembly). The staff will promote the necessity of bees in our environment and how we at St. Mary can help in this regard. We'll also ensure that our parent community understands that a bee pollinator garden should not pose an increased risk to those students with a bee allergy as the garden will not be in the students "recess area". Increased awareness can be generated through posters, parent communication, school newsletter and announcements.

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

As pollinator week is 17 – 23 Jun, we will mark this occasion with activities that generate ongoing interest/awareness about how bee populations are declining, what can be done to help increase their populations and their importance in our environment. We will also put out a challenge to the parent community to plant pollinators at their homes. We will continue to promote how St. Mary is taking a stand to help "bring back the bees".

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.
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

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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

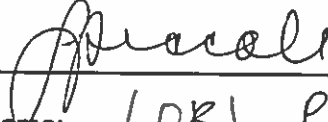
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT (school/college/university/learning institution) accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada Program.

Read, approved and adopted this

4 day of Apr, 2019.

Signature of Principal/President/Official: _____



Please print Principal/President/Official's name: _____

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Submitted by: Andrea Maggisano

Date: Apr 7/19

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.