



Bee City
CANADA 

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Pollinators and Places

Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Municipality/First Nation: City of Orillia

Province/Territory: Ontario

Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission

Name & Title: Steve Clarke - Mayor

Name of Applicant & Title: John McMullen – Manager of Parks Planning and Development

Organization or Department: City of Orillia – Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

Address: 50 Andrew St S.

City/First Nation: Orillia Province/Territory: Ontario

Postal Code: L3V 7T5

Email: parks@orillia.ca Phone: 705-329-7250

Bee City Liaison & Title (if not Applicant): Community Garden Coordinator

Organization or Department: City of Orillia – Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

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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 |
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| Jeannine Huty | Community Steward | orilliabeecity@gmail.com |
| Nancee Adams | President, Orillia Horticultural Society | |

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| John Devine | Resident Member | |
| Clifford Perry | Resident Member | |

Media Contact (if not Applicant)

Name & Title: Jennifer Ruff – Manager of Communications

Department: Chief Administration Office – Corporate Communications and Tourism

Division

Email: jruff@orillia.ca

Phone: 705-325-8929

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

- The City is actively creating and maintaining areas within our parks specifically to improve pollinator habitats. This includes the planting on native trees, shrubs, and plants.
- The City plants flowering plants in hanging baskets and plants through the downtown core.
- The City will continue to plant pollinator and native species within existing parks.
- The City will continue to leave naturalized areas within parks to allow for the flowing of native plants.
- The City will continue to adhere to the Pesticides Act of Ontario and does not use Class 9 pesticides for cosmetic purposes on City owned or leased land.

- The City currently has 2 community gardens where gardeners are encouraged to plant native species and pollinator friendly plants and vegetables.

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 habitat – The City will continue to make an effort to plant native species and pollinator friendly plants within parks and around City facilities.
2. Educating the community, employees and/or customers about the importance of pollinators – The City will provide information about pollinators on the City website. The Community Garden Coordinator will also provide community gardeners with information on native species and pollinators. The Orillia Bee City group will fund any printed educational material they wish to provide to the general public.
3. Celebrating pollinators during International Pollinator Week (June 17-23) – The Orillia Bee City group will organize and host a community event to help educate the community on the importance of pollinators and the key role they play for the environment. The Orillia Bee City group will also fund recognition awards for residents who have planted pollinator friendly gardens.

C) Other Requirements

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City Canada designation through the City of Orillia 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

John McMullen

Print Name

Park Planning & Development

Title

June 4/2019

Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)



Signature

Mackenzie Clark

Print Name

Community Garden Coordinator

Title

June 7th / 2019

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.