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Pollinators and Places

Bee City School and Campus Renewal Application Form

Canadore College, Parry Sound

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www.parrysoundapiary.com



We are grateful for your continued commitment to supporting pollinator health! Your efforts and dedication are having a positive impact in your school/campus and across Canada.

As part of the Bee City School and Campus renewal process, we ask that you share with us some information about your experiences with Bee City Canada.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Savva - nick@beecitycanada.org or 416-388-8856.

A) School Information:

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B) Applicant Information:

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C) Bee City Working Group:

List the members of your Bee City Working Group, the team responsible for the Bee City program at your school/campus. We recommend a committee of at least two teachers/instructors, two students and caretaking/facilities staff, where possible (expand/reduce table as needed).

Name	Role	Email address
Peter Istvan	Head Beekeeper, staff	Peter.istvan@canadorecollege.ca
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D) Your Experiences and Plans (add or remove lines as needed).

1. Briefly summarize your Bee City experience. Include feedback received from your school/campus community and information about challenges you may have encountered.

- Would be nice to have Bee City present, in person, at one of our events to help with marketing/promotion.

2. Please tell us about any school/campus initiatives focusing on creating new, improving or maintaining existing habitat for pollinators. This could include work on school/campus grounds and other areas. If possible, include a plant list.

- In May 2015, 300+ pollinator-friendly plants were given away for free at our Honeybees, Plants, and Food Workshop
- A pollinator friendly garden was planted on campus beside the apiary
- 50 + packages of milkweed seeds & over 100 bags of “seed bombs” distributed at 2017 workshop Mason Bees & Monarch Butterflies. The seed bombs were made by students from local public schools. Students each kept a bag for themselves.
- “Seed bomb” station where participants (mostly children) could make and take seed bombs, at our 2017 Sweet Honey Festival, attended by over 100 people.

3. Please tell us about any school/campus initiatives aimed at educating students, staff, volunteers, parents and/or the local community about pollinators.

- Annual Beginner & Intermediate Beekeeping courses offered every spring since 2015 as part of our part-time programming
- Free Beekeeping Information Session offered every Fall since 2015, open to the public
- Dr. Istvan presented at the Ontario Beekeepers Association in Spring of 2017 (over 175 attendees) about the Community Apiary and our model
- In Spring 2017 hosted the Mason Bees and Monarch Butterflies workshop. Fifty people from the Parry Sound area participated in the event, learning about local, native pollinators and their importance. Participants were able to take home milkweed seeds and seed bombs, so that they may be planted and grow pollinator friendly plants. They were also given a bee hut kit, which included mason bees and their nests to try their hand at raising bees on their own property.
- Presentations at Probus meetings (Parry Sound and Gravenhurst)
- Approximately 15 public school classes (300 + students) toured the apiary in 2017
- In partnership with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve, delivered “Pollination Power” experiential learning to six grade three classes
- Sweet Honey Festivals hosted in both 2016 & 2017
- Launched www.parrysoundapiary.com

4. Please tell us about your participation in International Pollinator Week celebrations and other pollinator-themed events. Include photos, web links, stories and any other media.

- We have hosted two Sweet Honey Festivals in the Fall of 2016 & 2017. The Festival is free to attend and is grew in popularity during its second year, with almost 200 people attending. The Festival is in celebration of pollinators and the Community Apiary and includes many stations for participants to explore including honey tasting, apiary tours, make your own seed bombs, honey and food pairings, from frame to bottle, etc. <https://www.parrysound.com/community-story/7575854-parry-sound-s-sweetest-treats-at-sweet-honey-festival/>
- <https://www.canadorecollege.ca/about/the-canadore-story/sweet-honey-festival-in-parry-sound>
- We also hosted the Mason Bees and Monarch Butterflies Workshop in Spring 2017: <https://www.canadorecollege.ca/about/the-canadore-story/buzzing-into-spring-with-successful-pollinator-workshop>

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5. How did your school/campus promote being a Bee City School?

- Social media
- News print
- Website
- Part of presentations
- Word of mouth

6. What are your plans for the coming year? Please attach any documents outlining plans for habitat restoration, new habitat creation, education initiatives and celebrations.

- Continue to offer both part-time programming for Beginner & Intermediate Beekeeping and free “Thinking about Beekeeping” session.
- Continue to welcome classroom visits at all levels to learn about beekeeping and tour the apiary. In 2017 we had kindergarten and grade twelve classes visit, and lots of grades in between.
- In partnership with the Ontario Beekeepers Association, we are hosting two new beekeeping courses to the Parry Sound area in the Spring, Integrated Pest Management and Queen Rearing
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7. How can Bee City Canada help to facilitate your vision of a school community which supports pollinators?

- Continue to market/promote across all your available platforms

7. We welcome your comments and suggestions to help us improve Bee City Canada, our web site, communications and other areas.

D) Signatures

Signature of Principal/President/Official: _____

Please print Principal/President/Official's name: __ Peter Istvan

Sent via email, January 22nd, 2018

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Thank you!
Please send your completed application to:
applications@beecitycanada.org.