



Connecting People,
Pollinators and Places

Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Township of Georgian Bay
99 Lone Pine Road
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Mayor Peter Koetsier
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Please list the members of your community's **Bee City Pollinator Team**. This group will oversee the Bee City program. (Expand or reduce table as required)

Name	Affiliation	Email
Elizabeth Louter	Bee Keeper	elizabethlouter@gmail.com
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Sarah Campbell	Community Champion	sarpyt@gmail.com
Julia Manning	Community Champion	Julia_manning@rogers.com
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Victoria Filipelli	Economic Development	vfilippelli@gbtownship.ca
Honor Hallway	Community Champion	Honour280@hotmail.com

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 Township follows The District of Muskoka integrated pest management approach and uses non-toxic pesticides on municipal lands when possible.
- The Township plants bee friendly plants in gardens and in streetscapes. Brush on roadways is only cut when deemed necessary for Township safety.
- Mayor Koetsier and Council have declared that the Township of Georgian Bay Honey Bee Festival is a four-year commitment.
- We host a community is called Honey Harbour, notably named because of the role the winds of Georgian Bay played in keeping predators away from the Honey Bee throughout the generations. We celebrate this history and support the Bee Keepers in our community by allowing secondary zoning uses to permit hives and bee keeping activities.
- The Township has a variety of partnerships to increase environmental education amongst our residents. Some notable experiences this past year included:
 - Partnered with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve to educate school children and create butterfly gardens throughout the Township.
 - Partnered Bay Forever and Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve to host a Native Plant Sale at the beginning of the season.

B) Yearly Renewal Fees

There are no fees on the initial application. The fees below apply on the yearly renewal.

Less than 1000 population	FREE
5000 – 10,000 population	\$150
10,001 – 25,000 population	\$200
25,001 – 50,000 population	\$300
50,0001 – 100,000 population	\$400
100,001 – 250,000 population	\$500
250,001 – 500,000 population	\$750
500,001 – 1,000,000 population	\$1000
+ 1,000,000 – population	\$1500

C) 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.
 - Nontoxic pesticides are used in all municipal spaces when applicable.
 - Committed to exploring a policy to forbid the cutting of Milkweed in our landscapes.
 - Continue to plant pollinator friendly plants in public gardens and streetscapes.
 - Continue to operate a Native Plant Sales with the Georgian Bay Forever, Georgian Bay Land Trust and Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve.
 - Only cut brush on roadways should height exceed a safe level.
 - Continue to support small scale honey operations in our communities.
 - Secondary uses such as Bee Hives are a permitted use in zoning applications.
 - Committed to exploring examples of “Bee Hotels” that can be placed on the tops of buildings.
 - Committed to supporting Oak Bay Golf Course to achieve Audubon Certification status.
 - MacTier and the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve have collaborated to install a butterfly garden and we will continue to expand other gardens in our Township.
 - Honey is propagated presently in Honey Harbour and other communities in Georgian Bay Township.
 - Committed to working with the Honey Harbour Community Advisory Group to include pollinator spaces in the revitalization of Honey Harbour Waterfront Plan 2020.

2. Educating the public about the importance of pollinators: Describe how you plan to educate residents, city staff and others about the importance of pollinators and what people can do to protect them.
 - Partnership with GBBR to educate school children about pollinators will continue. Colouring contests and garden creations are in place.
 - Working with private enterprise, such as the local golf course and our hospitality industry, to exercise mindful pollinator friendly practices and behavioural changes. For instance, developing a outreach campaign that educations on the significance of dandelions and minimal lawn care.

- Continue to support Environmental Open Houses as per our Strategic Goals to educate the community about sustainable development in protected habitats.
 - Support our newly created group of community champions who will advocate for pollinators and create educational programs that will fit the needs of our community.
3. A yearly commitment to celebrate: Describe how you plan to celebrate pollinators during international Pollinator Week (third week of June) or at another more convenient time:
- Mayor Koetsier and Council have declared that the Township of Georgian Bay Honey Bee Festival is a four-year commitment. This includes celebration and a education for the Township.
 - Will designate the Township to engage in Pollinator week each June.
 - The Honey Bee and the commitment to becoming a Bee City will be highlighted in all of our entrance features.

D) Other Requirements

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

1. Publicly acknowledge Bee City Canada designation through publicly displayed signage, city/region/community website and other means.
2. Annually re-apply for Bee City Canada designation. A renewal application will be sent to you and a fee will apply.

E) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

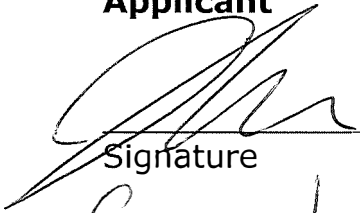
1. A short 50-100 word write-up of what it means to your city to become a Bee City. Include photos if possible. This will help us share the exciting news through our social media outlets.

Joining the Bee City movement provides the Township of Georgian Bay with a platform to continue support the environment in our community vision and our long-term strategic planning. As a UNSECO designated biosphere reserve, the Township of Georgian Bay is committed to being the keepers of all creatures in distress, particularly the honey bee. Honey Harbour is located within our Township and has a long history with the Honey Bee. It is essential we take a stand to honour our pollinators history, celebrate the natural processes, such as the Georgian Bay winds, that foster an ideal pollinator environment and provide our community members with the education and the tools they need to be the keepers of the bees.

2. Township logo and any usage guidelines will be attached to email.

F) Signatures

Applicant



Signature
Communications & Economics

Title
Officer

Jennifer Schmier

Print Name
Aug 27, 2019

Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)

Signature

Title

Print Name

Date

G) 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.

H) 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 among other things an official Declaration, recognizing your city or First Nation as a Bee City.

Bee City Canada is grateful for your commitment to take positive actions to help pollinators and for being a role model for other communities across Canada.