



Bee City Canada Business Application

A) Company or Organization Information

Company/Organization: **The Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park (grassroots, adopt a park volunteer group-non-profit)**

Address: **70 Dorchester Dr (Stacey Wilson's address-group coordinator)**

City/Town: **Brampton** Province: **Ontario**

Postal Code: **L6T 3E4** Phone Number: _____

Number of Volunteers: **20**

Check one:

- Micro (1 to 5 employees)
- Small (6 to 99 employees)
- Medium (100 to 499 employees)
- Large (500 employees or more)

Tell us about your company/organization:

The Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park are a grass-roots group of volunteers dedicated to restoring, maintaining, and protecting nearby nature in their local city park for the mutual benefit of present and future generations of community members including humans, and the native flora and fauna dependent on this urban habitat.

The stewardship group operates as an official member of the City of Brampton's Adopt-A-Park program, and is supported by contributions from community members, a consulting Ecologist, and the City of Brampton.

Name of Applicant & Title: **Stacey Wilson on behalf of The Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park**

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Bee City Liaison & Title (if not Applicant) _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

B) Commitments and Actions for the Coming Year

1. **Creating Healthy Pollinator Habitat:** Describe your plans to create, improve and maintain pollinator habitat. (add or remove lines as needed)

Our group is continuing to work on an ongoing restoration of an approximately 2 acre remnant woodland understory consisting of mature Shagbark Hickory and Bur Oak trees. We have been actively managing invasive species, sought consultation with an ecologist to plan and plant over 1700 native woodland plants in this understory. We have been working on this project for 10 years. We also installed a feature pollinator friendly garden at the park entrance—and replanted it last year with the funds contributed by a local garden club. It contains primarily native species of plants attractive to pollinators. We plan to expand the plant material in this bed, add a pollinator friendly sign from Pollination Guelph and maybe a native bee box.

2. **Educating Employees, Customers and the Community:** Describe your plans to educate employees, customers and/or community members about the importance of pollinators and healthy habitats. (add or remove lines as needed)

Our existing pollinator feature bed will have signage in it this year (see above comments). We also have a community bulletin board adjacent to the pollinator bed in which we post public education materials re: pollinators, gardening with natives, native plants and species to look for in our park etc. This is updated throughout the year with various topics on protecting nearby nature in the city.

3. **Celebrating Pollinators:** Describe your plans to celebrate pollinators during International Pollinator Week (third week of June) or at other times. (add or remove lines as needed)

We haven't identified a specific event for Pollinator week yet—however, at minimum we will post info in our community board for Pollinator Week. We may hold a public event with a special guest from Pollination Guelph, or

have a native bee box workshop in the park, or a pollinator identification walk, or a planting for pollinators event with some native plants for sale. It will depend on what the group is willing and able to do at that time.

C) Other Requirements

1. Publicly acknowledge receiving Bee City Canada Business designation through your website (we do not have a website or SM), signage in the community, social media and other means.

We can do the public acknowledgement if you are able to provide some kind of signage—please advise

2. Annually re-apply for Bee City Canada Business designation. A renewal application will be sent to you.

D) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. Your business logo (png format) with any usage guidelines.

We do not have a logo, just our name *The Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park*.

2. (optional) One or more photos representing your organization for use on the Bee City Canada website and social media platforms. For example, these could showcase initiatives that your business has been involved with to help pollinators or your Bee City Working Group.

If approved as a “Bee City” Park, we can take a photo as a group and send it later in May, 2019 after our first meeting.

E) Annual Fees

A fee for participation in the Bee City Canada Business program will be charged annually. This will be assessed as follows:

- Micro business (1 to 5 employees) - \$200
- Small business (6 to 99 employees) - \$10 per employee, \$200 minimum
- Medium and Large (+100 employees) – please contact us.

Fees can be paid through:

1. Our website www.beecitycanada.org/donate, or
2. By cheque. Please mail to Bee City Canada, 17-1875 Leslie St., Toronto, ON, M3B 2M5.

Tax receipts will be provided for all payments. Bee City Canada is a federally-recognized charity (number 74576 1692 RR001) and relies on financial assistance from business partners to support programming.

As discussed with Shelley, we are a grassroots non-profit, volunteer group with minimal funds we raise for the purpose of planting or habitat activities in the park. We can act as ambassadors and provide public education through our stewardship activities in the park.

F) Declaration and Signatures

I/we, the undersigned, understand that the Bee City Canada Business program consists of three commitments and that our company/organization is taking actions to support these commitments:

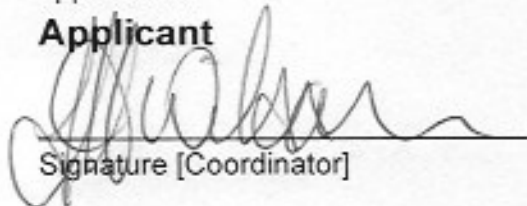
We acknowledge the goal of Bee City Canada is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for pollinators;

We acknowledge that businesses have an opportunity to support bees and other pollinators;

We acknowledge that supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagements among employees and their customers.

[The Friends & Stewards of Dorchester Park) commit to carry out the actions outlined in this application.

Applicant



Signature [Coordinator]

Stacey Wilson
Print Name

Co-founder and coordinator

Title

Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)

Signature

Print Name

Title

Date

G) Next Steps

1. (Applicant) Email completed application (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. Bee City Canada will notify you of your application's approval or request clarification, if necessary. Bee City Canada reserves the right to withhold participation in this program without cause.

H) Bee City Canada's Commitment

Bee City Canada will publicize your organization's designation as a Bee City Business through its website, social media and other channels. In addition, you will receive Bee City's "Welcome Package", which will include:

1. An official declaration, recognizing your Bee City Business.
2. Ideas to help you fulfill your commitments.
3. Bee City Canada's logo kit and brand guidelines.

We are thankful for your interest in protecting pollinators and look forward to having you as a member of the Bee City family!