



Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Municipality/First Nation _City of Timmins_____

Province/Territory____Ontario_____

Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission

Name & Title: Mr. George Pire, Mayor

Name of Applicant & Title: Mr. Steph Palmateer, City Clerk

Organization or Department: Clerk's Department

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Bee City Liaison & Title (if not Applicant) – Christina Beaton

Organization or Department City of Timmins, Environmental Coordinator

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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
Jennifer Nobel	Northbound Bloom
Christina Beaton	City of Timmins
David Vallier	MRCA manager
Corey McLister	Glencore/Kidd Mine
Billie Rheault	Porcupine Horticultural Society
Rob Arnup	Timmins Horticultural Society
TBC	Newmont Goldcorp
TBC	Wintergreen

Additional members may join in the coming year

Media Contact (if not Applicant)

Name & Title__Heather Duhn, Corporate Communications Coordinator

Department__Administration

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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.

City of Timmins Library

- Summer 2019 butterflies were raised from caterpillars at both city branches and re-released with a children's education program
- Summer 2019, Science Timmins offered a talk on butterflies and their role in pollination
- The South Porcupine branch offers a successful Seed Library which enables a culture of preserving and sharing local heirloom seeds

- The South porcupine branch offers a local vegetable garden where seed celebrations are hosted
- The Seed library has hosted many events with the Cochrane District Master Gardeners including topics such as pollinator gardens, seed saving, gardening footprints, soil management, and beekeeping
- Both branches celebrate Ontario Garden Days in June and Ontario Agriculture Week in October

TWIG Timmins

- TWIG, in co-operation with the City of Timmins, plants and maintains public garden beds throughout the city.
- provides local talks on various subjects around gardening such as herb spirals, bee houses, and local plant identification.

ANTI HUNGER COALITION

- 2 community gardens locations with beds dedicated to pollinators
- solitary bee houses installed in summer 2019 at community gardens
- encouragement of local food production
- workshops/talks/info booths regarding bees, local food production, and garden health

TIMMINS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

- three gardens in the city which are pollinator friendly: the Hollinger House Museum garden, the Gilles Lake Circle Garden and Kobzar Park. Pollinator friendly plants and Mason bee houses have been incorporated.
- At spring and fall plant sales, attention is given to plants which are especially good for pollinators.
- discourage the use of pesticides

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.
 - a. **Overhaul of City of Timmins planters for local perennial pollinator species:** within the Timmins Bee City committee, we will look at revising the plan for annual flowers currently planted in city planters and pots. We will prioritize perennial native pollinator friendly species for future planting.
 - b. **Restoration of shore lines:** a long-term initiative, this is one that the City of Timmins has been looking at for many years. While restoring important shore lines along the Mattagami River, we will work with specialists to incorporate natural and native habitat for our local pollinators.
 - c. **Newmont Goldcorp Berm Project:** a long term project, Bee City Timmins will work with Newmont Goldcorp on the Berm project which will be open to the public in the coming years. Newmont Goldcorp is already a leader regarding Bee support around the city, and we will work closely with them to incorporate local pollinator friendly species in a major public outdoor space.
 - d. **Seed Ball event in open un-managed area:** in the spring/summer of 2020, we will engage the public in a seed ball event to rewild unkept areas of land besides Timmins main roadways. This event will engage all ages, especially children, in learning about local pollinators and how seed balls can be an effective and fun way to plant local species. This project will prioritize perennials and low-maintenance species to reduce current maintenance issues in certain regions.

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.
 - a. **Seed Ball event, end of June:** see above
 - b. **Booth at the September Fall Fair:** Bee City Timmins will look at having an information booth at our annual Fall Fair to engage both education and celebration regarding Bee City initiatives.
 - c. **Talk with Timmins Library to launch Bee City in spring 2020**

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.
 - a. **Seed Ball event, end of June:** see above
 - b. **booth at the September Fall Fair:** see above

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. *Attached*
2. Your city, region or First Nation logo (png format) and any usage guidelines.

F) Signatures

Applicant



Signature

__Steph Palmateer_____
Print Name

__City Clerk
Title

__October 11, 2019
Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)



Signature

Christina Beaton

Print Name

Environmental Coordinator,
City of Timmins

Title

October 10, 2019

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.