

## Bee School Application - Entry #34

**Name of School**

Pickering High School

**Address**

180 Church Street  
Ajax, ON  
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**Name of Applicant**

Kathryn Callaghan

**Applicant's Job Title**

Teacher

**Organization or Department**

Pickering High School

**Applicant's Email****Applicant's Phone****Are you the primary contact person?**

Yes

**Briefly summarize why your school should become a Bee City School.**

We have a dedicated group of students who have formed a Bee Council this year. This year, the Bee Council and Eco-Club have organized a few key initiatives that support pollinators. For example, our students planted a large native pollinator garden on school property and visited the rooftop apiary at the Royal York. Throughout these activities, the students learned about the importance of pollinators in regards to food supply and biodiversity.

Our club is excited to share their enthusiasm and knowledge with our large student population.

As a large school located in a suburban area, south of the Greenwood Conservation Area, we have the opportunity to enhance and protect the local pollinator population.

**In order to enhance the understanding of the students and staff about the vital role that pollinators play in a healthy ecosystem, the applicant agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee City Schools:**

1. Adopt the Bee City Canada Resolution (see section G).
2. Create a Bee City Pollinator Team.

**Pollinator Team Members**

Kathryn Callaghan (Teacher:

Kenneth Simmons (Teacher:

Chloe Phillips (Student)

Devansh Singh (Student)

Yumnah Jafri (Student)

**3. Develop a Pollinator Habitat Action Plan:**

The Bee Council, in addition to the Eco-Club, plan to care for the newly-planted Pollinator Garden on school property. In the spring, the club intends to plant annuals (eg. parsley and dill) that will attract pollinators. Last, the students plan to create small bee habitats using logs/branches and phragmites grass.

Plant list:

-black eyed susans, joe pye weed, sedum, mint, thyme

**4. Promote Education about Pollinators:**

The Bee Council and Eco-Club plan to make daily announcements to promote education. They also plan to create a bulletin board with fast facts about pollinators. When the weather gets warmer, they will host a yard clean-up (open to all students) and give a tour of the garden to the students who participate. Lastly, the group will organize a lunchtime showing of the film The Pollinators to target the wider school population.

**5. Celebrate Pollinators:**

Since Pollinator Week is during exams, the students plan to start the celebrations in conjunction with Earth Week before the exam period. The students plan to share interesting facts about bees during morning announcements and a bulletin board. We plan to set up a booth at lunch with information about pollinators and honey samples. The students will organize a yard clean-up, and lastly, we intend to show a documentary (The Pollinators) at lunch to educate a variety of students.

**I/we, the undersigned agree to:**

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

**Please submit a short 50-100 word write-up of why it's important to become a Bee City School.**

It is important for this generation to be aware of how important every species on earth is (and how we are losing them due to our own actions). Specifically we are losing bees at an alarming rate, and this generation is the only one who can truly do something to save them. We have the opportunity to reach a large population to educate them on the importance of bees and the imminent environmental threats to their population.

**Attach your school logo (png format) with any usage guidelines.**

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**Attach photos, videos, posters, documents or other media showcasing events, activities or initiatives.**

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**Signature of Principal/Official**

Kavita Kanavalli

**Date**

02/24/2020

Bee City Canada