



# Bee City Renewal 2022

**Name of City, Town, Municipality or First Nation**

City of Belleville

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**Province**

Ontario

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**Applicant's Name**

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**Applicant's Job Title**

Environmental Coordinator

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**Are you the primary contact person?**

Yes

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**Pollinator Team Members**

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**Briefly summarize your Bee City experience during the past year. Please include information about challenges, feedback, and media responses.**

Overall, the Bee City experience has been one of a kind for the City of Belleville. We have taken advantage of bee city opportunities and supported new city initiatives. Challenges involve seeking funding for such pollinator initiatives, communicating our efforts with residents and changing the mindset of residents with regards to pollinator initiatives.

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**Please tell us about your community's efforts to reduce the use of pesticides.**

The City of Belleville commits to the continued actions under the regulations outlined in the Ontario Pesticides Act, Cosmetic Pesticide and through the City of Belleville's by law act as such the use of pesticides in Belleville is limited through these regulations and continue to be.

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**Outline community initiatives focusing on habitat creation and restoration. If possible, include a plant list.**

Below is a list with details of tree and wild flower planting within the City of Belleville

- Haig Park- 760 native trees and shrubs
  - Bird Park- 3000 native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers
  - Canniff Mills Trail-125 native trees and shrubs
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**How did your community promote being a Bee City?**

The City of Belleville used our media platforms to share the news with residents. We used signage during planting initiatives and along our pollinator meadows. We hosted a kickoff Pollinator event in the spring to help spread the word and share helpful tips residents can do at home. We reached out to schools to inform them of the partnership and offers from Bee City.

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**Please tell us about your efforts aimed at educating your community, including residents, city employees, contractors, children and other groups.**

We hosted a first ever Pollinator Event in June for the city to share our success and our new membership with residents. We shared and participated in Bee City classroom webinar for schools to share the news and importance of pollinators with children. The City launch a pollinator webpage to provide a resource for residents with regards to efforts the City is currently undertaking and educational material on what residents can do at home.

<https://www.belleville.ca/en/home-and-property/pollinators.aspx>

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**Please tell us about your community's participation in National Pollinator Week celebrations and other events.**

National Pollinator Week was celebrated by ensuring communications regarding the spirit of Pollination Week was shared among the public via our social media platforms. The City hosted a first ever Pollinator Event in Market Square which included experts in the field speakers/ vendors, seedling giveaways, and promotional material. It was an opportunity to reach out to our residents and talk about what they do at home, areas of improvement, and initiatives they would like to see the city take on. We also shared our interactive online video of our community gardens with the public and allowed our Pollinator webpage to go live.

<http://bellevillecityhall.com/doorsopen/CommunityGardens/>

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**Describe your plans for creating, improving and maintaining pollinator habitat during the next year.**

The City plans to continue our restoration and habitat creation efforts by capitalizing on available funding, where applicable. Working with our local conservation authority to ensure natural habitats including shoreline restoration efforts are being maintained to an acceptable level. The City will continue working towards revising its by-laws to promote naturalized yards among residents. The City will maintain open lines of communication with the public via social media to promote events such as national tree day, national pollinator week, etc. Improving our no mow areas are essential to the city and growing are wildflower meadows, including signage to educate the public along our journey. The City of Belleville is committed to maintaining our annual tree planting patterns, with continued efforts from our partners at the Rotary Club Belleville on their Rotary Loves Trees project with a goal to plant 50,000 trees. An exciting project for Belleville as this project will help maintain and grow Belleville's tree canopy.

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**Provide information about any events, activities or initiatives that you have organized and would like highlighted through our social media channels.**

City of Belleville's Pollinator Event that took place on June. 18th. The City handed out Bee City Pollinator signage to residents who had pollinator gardens and wanted to spread the word. Free seedlings were also handed out to interested resident on behalf of Quinte Conservation and the David Suzuki Butterfly Way Foundation.

Speakers and Vendors included:

- Chair of the City's Green Task Force Committee, Councillor Malette
- Quinte Conservation
- David Suzuki Butterfly Way Foundation
- Hometown gardening favorite Carson Arthor
- Quinte Field Naturalists
- Pollinator Partnerships

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**Has your City/Town/Municipality/First Nation posted Bee City Canada signage?**

Yes

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**Has your City/Town/Municipality/First Nation created a Bee City website or webpage?**

Yes

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**Please provide the URL of your Bee City webpage.**

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**Bee City Renewal Fees**

50,001 – 100,000 population - \$400

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**We welcome your comments and suggestions to help us improve Bee City Canada.**

It would be helpful if Bee City Canada shared funding opportunities with fellow partnerships and shared other partners' successes.