



# Bee School Application

**Name of School**

Bishop Strachan School

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**Address**

298 Lonsdale Road  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4V1X2

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**Name of Applicant**

Jasmine Zhai

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**Applicant's Job Title**

Student

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**Organization or Department**

Senior School

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**Applicant's Email**

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**Applicant's Phone**

+16476859569

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**Are you the primary contact person?**

Yes

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

BSS should become a Bee City School to help actively contribute our efforts into helping pollinators and educating the community. Our school community is very passionate towards environmental sustainability and we have started multiple initiatives to improve our local ecosystem. By becoming a Bee School, we can increase appreciation for the environment and create new sustainable initiatives on various scales. We hope to promote responsibility for the environment among students and make a difference in preserving ecosystems.

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**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.
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**Pollinator Team Members**

Jasmine Zhai - (student lead)

Natasha Taylor - (teacher advisor for this project) Please cc on all emails

Ian Rutherford - (Principal/Dean)

Middle School Environmental Council members (student group)

Taeko Knockaert - (additional teacher support)

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

In spring of 2022, students in the Middle School Environmental Council planted a native plant garden in the school, and recently planted a second garden in another spot. To further create new pollinator habitats, grade 7 students grew native plants from seeds to take home and support pollinators in the gardens. Some plants we've already planted / plan to plant include the Black-eyed Susan, Wild Bergamot, New England Asters, and the Small & Big Bluestems. In the future, we plan to create even more habitats for pollinators by increasing the number / area of pollinator gardens in our school.

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**4. Promote Education about Pollinators:**

In spring of 2022, the Middle School Environmental Council presented in the Middle School assembly about the importance of native plants and the local ecosystem. The students also prepared a public service announcement video for the school community and all parents (found here: <https://vimeo.com/719857357/601dc29e78>). Later, they successfully proposed for the school to leave

the leaves in certain areas in the school (found here: <https://vimeo.com/768988812/645e0ead3a>). We plan to further educate the entire school on the importance of pollinators and native plants through organizing planting sessions, teaching younger students in the classroom, promoting on our social media, and more.

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#### **5. Celebrate Pollinators:**

Our school will be on summer holiday during National Pollinator Week, but we still plan to celebrate by posting content about the importance of pollinators on the BSS instagram account for students, staff, parents, and others.

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#### **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.
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#### **Signature of Principal/Official**

Ian Rutherford

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#### **Date**

06/01/2023