



# Bee School Application

**Name of School**

École St. Pius X

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**Address**

2312- 18street NW  
Calgary, Alberta  
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**Name of Applicant**

Sophie Mitchell

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**Applicant's Job Title**

Teacher

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**Organization or Department**

St. Pius X

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**Applicant's Email**

[sophie.mitchell@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:sophie.mitchell@cssd.ab.ca)

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**Applicant's Phone**

+14035002015

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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.**

We would like to become a Bee City School because we care about the environment around us. Our school is committed to that is committed to helping pollinators. 3 years ago, we started the process of rebuilding our large flower garden. Students researched different ideas and decided to create a bee/pollinator friendly garden filled with bee friendly flowers after learning the gravity of the current bee situation globally. Bees are valuable to our environment. Our garden is a great community building experience for students to learn hands on about planning out a garden and watching it grow.

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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**

Sophie Mitchell - teacher

Antonia Acordunencei - teacher

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

2 years ago we removed our old garden.

We dug all the pollinator friendly flowers and replanted them in our new garden. We now have several different naturalization spaces on our school grounds. 2 of our large flower beds are filled with bee friendly flowers such as sunflower, silvery lupine, golden bean, beebalm, Jacob's ladder, yellow prairie coneflower, fringed sage, echinacea, stonecrop, wild blue flax, chives, blanket flowers, delphinium, strawberries, balloon Flowers, columbine, along with many annual plants. Lots of new flowers are being added this year.

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**4. Promote Education about Pollinators:**

Students are creating a bulletin board in the main school hallway to promote our garden and make our community aware of why bees are so important to the world and how we can help them. Our EcoLeaders have prepared stations, centres and games to teach the other students in our school about bees and why we should protect them.

They will make announcements to the whole school. School wide art work around bees.

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**5. Celebrate Pollinators:**

We will participate in a pollinator virtual presentation.  
Students will be planting new flowers in our school garden.  
Students will make art projects around pollinators.

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

Children are naturally curious about bees and naturally curious about the world around them. Becoming a Bee City School is important to St. Pius X as we are a Catholic Community of Caring. Together, we strive to make every effort to create an atmosphere that fosters respect and encourages student participation. As a school, we have the opportunity to provide students with hands-on learning around bees and their importance to the local ecosystem. Through participating in interactive learning it is our goal to foster in our students a love of bees and an appreciation of their important role in environmental stewardship. Our wildflower garden will give students a visual reminder of their support for bees on a daily basis. As a Bee City School, we will be taking the initiative for leadership to make a change in our community and our environment to aide in the protection of pollinators.

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**Signature of Principal/Official**

Natasha Johnston

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**Date**

06/15/2023