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Bee City Canada Application

A) City or Community Information

Municipality/First Nation Township of King

Province/Territory Ontario

Mayor, Chief or Chair of Commission

Name & Title Steve Pellegrini- Mayor

Name of Applicant & Title Kathryn Mclellan & Environmental Stewardship Coordinator

Organization or Department Township of King, Parks, Recreation & Culture Department

Address 15 Old King Road

City/First Nation Nobleton Province/Territory Ontario

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Bee City Liaison & Title (if not Applicant) _____

Organization or Department _____

Address _____

City/First Nation _____ Province/Territory _____

Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____ T

Please list the members of your community's **Bee City Working Group**. This group will oversee the Bee City program. (expand or reduce table as required)

Name	Affiliation	Email
Kathryn Mclellan *SAC Committee Member	Township of King Environmental Stewardship Coordinator	<u>kmclellan@king.ca</u> or <u>environmentalstewardship@king.ca</u>

Brent King	SAC Committee Member	
John Bartella	SAC Committee Member	
Derek Nardone	SAC Committee Member	
Susan Beharriell	SAC Committee Member	
Tashko Sarakinov	SAC Committee Member	
Joel Carcone	SAC Committee Member	
Nancy Belo- Gomes	Vice Chair of SAC	
Rick Sikorski	Chair of SAC	
Councillor David Boyd	Ward 2	
Councillor Debbie Schaefer	Ward 5	
Councillor Avia Eek	Ward 6	
Susan Plamondon	CAO	
Sara Olivieri	Planning Technician/ Sustainability Coordinator	
Steve Pellegrini	Mayor	

Media Contact (if not Applicant)

Name & Title Jason Ballantyne- Communications Officer (Township of King)

Department _____

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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.

King is currently undertaking a number of programs and initiatives supporting pollinator biodiversity. Our municipality is already demonstrating its desire to assist pollinators through a variety of projects that include:

- Enhancing and establishing new pollinator friendly habitats throughout the Township.
- Providing annual environmental educational opportunities through a variety of activities including; community plantings, educational workshops and walks. Examples include ongoing community wildflower and fruit tree plantings at Cold Creek Conservation Area, Tasca Park naturalization project, guided nature hikes in partnership with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority.
- Offering nature based recreation programming at Cold Creek Conservation Area that educate and engage youth through nature based learning (pollinator education and seed saving).
- Promote planting native species on township property and privately owned land.
- Increases naturalized areas and identify areas where invasive plants are growing.
- Offer and encourage participation in King Loves Spring activities: native wildflower seed giveaway, partnership workshops and native seed ball making with local public schools.
- Creation of the King City Community Garden, Cold Creek Organic Vegetable Garden and Schomberg Community Farm.

B) 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.

- The Township of King will continue to identify new sites that would benefit from native wildflower plantings, fruit tree planting, shrubs and trees. The Township will continue to work towards restoring the Tall Grass Prairie/Wildflower meadow at Cold Creek Conservation Area through a series of community planting activities in 2018. In addition, the Township has plans to integrate a new apiary program at Cold Creek that would include wildflower planting, observation platform, educational signage, new trails and nature based programming.
- We will continue to enhance the already existing insect hotel situated at Cold Creek that provides a habitat for a variety of pollinator species and identify new locations throughout King that would benefit from an insect hotel.
- The Township will continue to enhance and establish new pollinator friendly habitats by conducting community plantings to coincide with International Pollinator Week. The planting location will occur in one of the community hamlets.
- Provide the community with various environmental stewardship activities surrounding pollinator education such as guided hikes, workshops and educational material at events.
- Identify areas where mowing can be reduced to increase naturalized areas within Parks, trails and open spaces on Township owned property.

2. Education about Pollinators: Describe how you plan to educate community members about the importance of pollinators

- Identify new pollinator education opportunities with local schools.
- Install educational signage at new and existing planting locations.
- Provide access to educational brochures at Community Centres throughout King.
- Make information available to the public on the Township website about King's participation as a Bee City.
- Offer gardening workshops to residents in partnership with the Conservation Authority and local groups to promote native plants.
- Offer themed guided hikes at various locations throughout the Township to educate residents on the natural landscape (themes could include natives plants, invasive species awareness, seed saving, pollinator and insects).
- Incorporate pollinator education into existing Nature Based Programs offered at Cold Creek Conservation Area such as Biodiversity and Jr. Explorers.
- Offer gardening workshops to residents in partnership with the Conservation Authority and local groups to promote native plants and organic gardening practices.
- Purchase native stock for community plantings (wildflowers, shrubs and trees species)

3. **Celebrating Pollinators:** Describe how you plan to celebrate pollinators during International Pollinator Week (third week of June) or at other times.

The Township of King will celebrate International Pollinator Week (third week in June) by educating and engaging the community through social media and the Township website on Pollinator education. In addition, the Township will host a small community wildflower planting and engage community volunteers to help establish a new pollinator demonstration garden. Signage will be installed at the newly established garden to educate the community on our commitment to being a certified Bee City. The Township will also include information regarding International Pollinator Week and the planned activities in the Parks, Recreation & Culture Spring/Summer Recreation Guide.

C) Other Requirements

I/we, the undersigned agree to:

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

D) Requested Attachments

With your completed application, please provide:

1. One or more photos representing your city/region/community for use on the Bee City website and social media platforms. These could showcase pollinator initiatives or the members of your Bee City Working Group.
2. Your city, region or First Nation logo (png format) and any usage guidelines.

F) Signatures

Applicant

Kathryn McEllan
Signature

Kathryn McEllan
Print Name

Environmental Stewardship
Title Coordinator

Thurs. Nov 23/2017
Date

Bee City Canada Liaison (if not Applicant)

Signature

Print Name

Title

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:

1. An official declaration, recognizing your city or First Nation as a Bee City.
2. An aid with helpful ideas for communities joining the Bee City Canada program.
3. Our media kit to use for making Bee City Canada signs and other artwork.

Bee City Canada is grateful for your commitment to take positive actions to help pollinators and for being a role model to other communities across Canada.