



Interoffice Memorandum

GEORGINA

The Clerks Division

To: Members of Council

Cc: Rachel Dillabough, Town Clerk
Mamata Baykar, Deputy Town Clerk

From: Aneeta Mohammed, Committee Services Coordinator

Date: November 17, 2021

Re: GEAC Resolution No. GEAC-2021-0052
Re. Bee City Recognition

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 25, 2021, the Environmental Advisory Committee received a presentation from the Pollinator Partnership Canada and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. GEAC-2021-0052

Moved By Neil Comer
Seconded By Mark Payne

That GEAC recommend to Council that the Town of Georgina become recognized as a Bee City

Carried

Attachment 1 provides background information about the Bee City program.

Please note that Resolution No. GEAC-2021-0052 is taken from an un-adopted version of minutes.



Bee City Benefits

There are many benefits associated with becoming part of the Bee City Canada community

A Bee City is part of a North American movement to support pollinator protection. Bee City communities support collaboration and establish and maintain healthy pollinator habitat within the municipality or First Nation's boundaries.

A Bee City begins conversations about how to grow local healthy food and the importance of biodiversity.

A Bee city begins conversations about how to reduce and eliminate chemicals that are harmful to pollinators, our food system and the planet.

A Bee City raises awareness of pollinator diversity and the benefits of using native plants in habitat restoration. Cost benefits abound in using native plants. For example, water usage is reduced and there is a plant cost advantage using perennials over annuals. Lawns cost the most to maintain. It just makes good sense to plant a pollinator garden!

A Bee City sets an example and inspires residents with the knowledge that they all have a role to play. Mentoring other municipalities and First Nations across the country to take action and encouraging them to join the Bee City family.

Pollinator habitat creates beauty. Selecting pollinator friendly plants including native trees, shrubs, vines, forbs and grasses, along with herbs and vegetables, provides food for wildlife and humans too.

A Bee City improves its municipal environment and the physical and mental health of the residents by connecting people with nature and encouraging healthy, clean food consumption. Healthy citizens equal healthy, productive cities

A Bee City is an energy filled beautifully floriferous living space for everyone.

A Bee City enjoys the economic benefits of eco-tourism.



Tips on How to Bring Bee City Canada to Your Community

