

BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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NOTE:
The words "from our Band Funds "capital" or "revenue", whichever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds

The Council of the T'it'qet Band		Cash Free Balance
		Capital account
		\$
Date of duly convened meeting:	Province BC	Revenue Account
		\$

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

WHEREAS, the goal of joining Bee City Canada is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats for bees and other pollinators – there are over 800 native bee species in Canada and over 20,000 worldwide; and

WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, the spread of pests and diseases, and climate change; resulting in serious implications for the future health of flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, communities and their residents have the opportunity to support native bees and other pollinators on both public and private land; and

WHEREAS, supporting bees and other pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the economic benefits of pollinator-friendliness are:

- **Healthy ecosystems** — pollinators are required for reproduction of about 85% of flowering plants globally, plants that:

- 1) Are vital for clean air and water;
- 2) Provide food, fibre, medicine and shelter for people, livestock and wildlife; and
- 3) Support the species that pollinate crops and form the basis of food webs.

- **Increased vegetable and fruit crop yields** due to insect pollination. Pollinators provide 65% of the food we eat.

- **Increased demand for pollinator friendly plant materials** from local nurseries and growers.

- **Increased support and awareness for city wide pollinator initiatives**

- **Increased economic benefits of ecotourism.**

WHEREAS, T'it'q'et First Nations in the Province/Territory of British Columbia should become a **Bee City** because:

- Establishment of pollinator friendly habitat across the community, which engage local community members and provide educational opportunities through interpretive signage, community planting events, and/or tours. Examples include: Ucwalmicw Community Garden and/or the P'egp'ig'lha Community Center.
- Offering ongoing Children/Youth's Eco Programs in the Ucwalmicw Community Garden which educate and engage children/youth through environmental, nature, nutrition and garden programming, which includes pollinators.
- Community Education and promotion of native plantings on private land through the outreach efforts of T'it'q'et Administration
- Recognize the contribution of community members who demonstrate environmentally responsible gardening practices through our T'it'q'et Administration Eco-Friendly awards program.

- Ensure the banning of the use of pesticides and be pesticide free by spring of 2017 within the T'it'q'et Community.

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides *diverse* and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession from early spring to late autumn.
- Provides water for drinking, cooling, nest-building and butterfly puddling.
- Has been designated pesticide-free.
- Is composed of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial trees, shrubs, native grasses, wildflowers, ground cover and vines, which have coevolved with native pollinators.
- Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness.
- Provides undisturbed spaces (un-mulched areas of soil and sand, pithy stemmed stalks, leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for native pollinators; and

WHEREAS, in order to enhance understanding among staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, T'it'q'et Community agrees to meet the following commitments required of all Bee Cities:


1. Adopt and pass this Bee City Canada resolution.
2. Designate a local band council member as the Bee City Canada program sponsor and/or an employee from this T'it'q'et Administration as the Bee City Canada program "**liaison**;" and assign facilitation of the local Bee City Canada program either to:
 - a) A new or existing group/committee and/or
 - b) A non-profit organization, to encourage and coordinate pollinator habitat and awareness activities. This body will facilitate enhancement of pollinator awareness, conservation and habitat, fulfilling the following commitments:
 - Develop a Pollinator Habitat Plan that will include a locally native, pollinator-friendly plant list with regional sources for such plants and a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) plan. The plant list and IPM plan will guide the management of lands to improve and expand pollinator habitats. It will be publicized and promoted on the web to offer a valuable landscape-management model for other residents.
 - Respond to scientific concerns over the impact of harmful chemicals on pollinators by adopting a plan to purchase pollinator safe nursery plants and materials.
 - Describe the pollinator goals by focusing on the quantity and quality of pollinator friendly habitat. What is the overall pollinator vision.
 - annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third week of June) and, if possible, some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, celebrations or promotions that showcase the community's commitment to enhancing native pollinator health through biodiversity and habitat.
 - Annually apply for renewal to Bee City Canada and submit a report of
 - the previous year's activities.
4. Publicly acknowledge T'it'q'et Community's commitment by agreeing to:
 - a) Display Bee City Canada signage in a prominent location within the community, and
 - b) Create and maintain information on our Social Media website which includes links to this signed Resolution and the Bee City Canada's website, contact information for your Bee City Canada liaison and reports of the pollinator friendly activities the Community has accomplished the previous year(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THAT: T'it'q'et accepts the designation and commits to the standards of the Bee City Canada program.

Read, approved, and adopted this

14th day of February, 2017.

Quorum 3



(Chief)



(Councilor)



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