Beekeeping Guidelines:

URBAN BEEKEEPING LICENCE APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

1. Before the issuance or renewal of a licence pursuant to this part, the owner of the Hive must submit to the Licensing Authority:
   a) completed Urban Beekeeping Licence application form.
   b) the appropriate licence fee prescribed in Schedule A; and
   c) any other additional information required by the Licensing Authority, including, but not limited to:
      i. the name, address, and contact information of the Beekeeper.
      ii. written permission from the registered property owner to install Hives on the property, where the Beekeeper is not the registered property owner.
      iii. written permission from the authorized property leaseholder or licence holder to install Hives on property, where the Beekeeper is not the authorized leaseholder or licence holder of the property; of 6
      iv. a drawing that shows the Hive location on the property, and associated setbacks if there is no solid fence and/or the property is adjacent to a Pedestrian Walkway,
      v. proof of success in urban beekeeping training from an accepted organization or association.
      vi. proof of support and assistance from a qualified mentor for the first year of beekeeping; vii. a disease and swarm control plan.
      vii. proof of registration with the Provincial Apiculturist every year by June 30; and
      viii. a copy of the premises identification number pursuant to the Animal Health Act.

2. Notwithstanding Section 6, at the time of initial application for an Urban Beekeeping Licence, the applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority that all Adjoining Neighbours have been notified of the intent to apply for a Beekeeping Licence on the Subject Property. If an adjoining property of the Subject Property is undeveloped or developed but otherwise vacant, the applicant is not required to notify that adjoining property.
3. An Urban Beekeeping Licence is required for each property that has a Hive.
4. Urban Beekeeping Licences are valid for one (1) year following the date of issuance.
5. No person shall give false information when applying for an Urban Beekeeping Licence pursuant to this Urban Beekeeping Bylaw.
6. The Licensing Authority may refuse to issue an Urban Beekeeping Licence or may revoke an Urban Beekeeping Licence by providing written notice to the applicant or licensee.

LICENCE TRANSFERS

7. Urban Beekeeping Licences issued under Bylaw393 shall not be transferable from one person or property to another.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE URBAN BEEKEEPER

8. Beekeepers must comply with the Bee Act and the Animal Health Act.
9. Beekeepers, or the owner of any parcel of land on which the Bees are kept, must ensure:
   a) good husbandry practices and maintenance to prevent swarming, aggressive behaviour, and disease; and
   b) that adequate water is always provided for the Bees to deter the Bees from seeking water from alternate sources.

HIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR URBAN BEEKEEPING

10. A Hive must include a bottom board, a Hive cover, and a maximum of four (4) Supers. The Hive must not measure more than 127 cm (50 in.) x 51 cm (20 in.) x 51 cm (20 in.).
11. Hives are restricted to the rear yard of a property
12. Hive entrances are to be directed away from adjoining properties.
13. Hives are to be located:
    a) a minimum of three (3) metres (10 feet) from all property lines; or
    b) within a rear yard enclosed by a solid fence or hedge a minimum of 1.8 metres (6 feet) in height. 22. Hives on properties located adjacent to Pedestrian Walkways must be located a minimum of three (3) metres (10 feet) from the property line adjacent to the Pedestrian Walkway and within a rear yard enclosed by a solid fence or hedge a minimum of 1.8 metres (6 feet) in height. 23.
    c) A maximum of two (2) Hives are permitted on one (1) parcel of residential land.