

## 2017 National Judge



**Cliff Lacey**  
Retired Parks Manager  
Sherwood Park, AB

Cliff retired from his position of Parks Manager, Strathcona County in 2007. In his role there, Cliff was involved in the Communities in Bloom program since Strathcona entered the program in 1998. Subsequent to retiring, Cliff was Chairman of the Strathcona in Bloom volunteer Committee for a number of years. The program made remarkable changes to the look of the community and it is this enthusiasm for beautification, community development and environmental awareness that Cliff hopes to support through his judging efforts.

Over the 33 years Cliff spent "in the parks business" he had occasion to work in Alberta's Provincial Parks, oversee extensive urban park development in 5 of Alberta's medium sized cities and spend twenty years managing parks in Strathcona County. As a judge, Cliff is interested in how green spaces accommodate public use and enjoyment.

Cliff and his wife Gail still live in the hamlet of Sherwood Park, in Strathcona County. They have a large yard that is consumed with trees, flowers and vegetable garden, where both spend time with children and grandchildren. Gail is a painter and Cliff tends to his greenhouse and loves to cook simple meals with fresh produce from the garden. His biggest sacrifice as a judge will be spending time away from his own garden, while judging others.

N.B. Cliff is 6' 6" tall. Small cars and short beds can be a problem.