

Enhancing Green Spaces  
in Communities



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On October 26<sup>th</sup> 2013, the 19<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Canada's Capital Region, Ottawa-Gatineau, honouring municipalities across Canada, the United States, Asia and Europe.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces in communities.

National Chair Bob Lewis – on behalf of the National Committee, Judges and Sponsors – sincerely thanks and congratulates all the communities for their involvement in the program. "Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, they can all be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions that benefit all of society."

### National & International Award Winners

<b>Up to 1,000:</b> Tignish, PE	<b>Canadian Forces Sustainable Communities:</b> CFB Shilo, MB
<b>1,001 to 2,000:</b> Ashcroft, BC	<b>Class of Champions:</b> Lambton Shores, ON
<b>2,001 to 5,000:</b> Sussex, NB	<b>Grand Champions:</b> Stratford, ON
<b>5,001 to 10,000:</b> Southwest Middlesex, ON	<b>International Challenge (Small Category):</b> Abbeyshrule, Ireland
<b>10,001 to 35,000:</b> Brooks, AB	<b>International Challenge (Medium Category):</b> Pembroke, ON
<b>Over 50,000:</b> Sarnia, ON	<b>International Challenge (Large Category):</b> Kamloops, BC

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

Home Hardware <b>Community Involvement</b> Award:	Qualicum Beach, BC
Scotts <b>Community of Gardeners</b> Award:	Goderich, ON
CN <b>Urban Forestry</b> Award:	Brandon, MB
National Capital Commission <b>Floral Displays</b> Award:	Boissevain, MB
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone <b>Heritage Conservation</b> Award:	Jasper, AB
Scotts Turf Builder <b>Landscape</b> Award:	Southwest Middlesex, ON
Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association <b>Environmental Action</b> Award:	Yarmouth, NS
Natura <b>Tidiness</b> Award:	Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC
Municipal World <b>WinterLife</b> Award:	Charlottetown, PE
Communities in Bloom Foundation <b>Youth Involvement</b> Award:	Wood Buffalo, AB
The Butchart Gardens <b>Land Reclamation</b> Award:	Minto, ON

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**Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces in communities**

*“People, plants and pride... growing together” is our slogan, and it captures the essence of the program.*

**History.** Established with the guidance of Britain in Bloom, Tidy Towns of Ireland and *Villes et Villages Fleuris de France*, Communities in Bloom held its first edition in 1995 and 29 participating municipalities were honoured at the first awards ceremonies on Parliament Hill. The program now includes hundreds of communities across the country, and an international challenge involving communities from the United States, Japan and several European countries allows participants to compete internationally.

**Program.** The program consists of communities receiving information and being evaluated either provincially or nationally by a volunteer jury of trained professionals on the accomplishments of their entire community (municipal, private, corporate and institutional sectors, citizens) on eight key criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Turf & Groundcovers, Floral Displays and Community Involvement.

**Benefits.** The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. These benefits make Communities in Bloom a program where everyone wins. Participants can benefit financially from the program through community tourism initiatives, business opportunities for the entire community and other related projects. A valuable information exchange network allows communities to share accomplishments, best practices and projects.

All participants are showcased on the Communities in Bloom website through the “Explore our Communities” section, with a description page and a link to their respective community website. The *Communities in Bloom Magazine*, published twice a year, also features participants and program results, as well as articles and educational content. Communities in Bloom develops, with its partners and sponsors, initiatives and promotional opportunities.

**National Symposium on Parks and Grounds.** Held in conjunction with the annual national awards ceremonies, this event is a unique opportunity for elected officials, parks and grounds professionals and community volunteers to learn and share about current issues, trends and challenges not only in horticulture and gardening, but in community tourism and projects, environmental awareness and much more. Workshops and awards ceremonies are also held in all provinces throughout the year.

The **Communities in Bloom Foundation**, established to support the educational aspect of its activities, is dedicated to funding, developing and disseminating education and awareness to a wide audience on the value, improvement, importance and sustainable development of green spaces and natural environment in Canadian society. The Foundation also awards bursaries to students in horticulture/environment programs.

His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada is the Patron of Communities in Bloom.

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CATEGORY	RATING	SPECIAL MENTION /RECOGNITION
<b>Over 50,000</b>		
<b>City of Sarnia, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>A philanthropic movement of community stewardship</b>
Ville de Drummondville, QC	4	Private and public urban forest
Ville de Trois-Rivières, QC	4	Topiary Structures
Town of Whitby, ON	5	Blue and green infrastructure: from vision to reality!
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB	5	Community youth involvement
<b>10,001 – 35,000</b>		
<b>City of Brooks, AB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Brooks Commemorative forest</b>
Ville d'Alma, QC	5	Community involvement in Damase Boulanger Commemorative Park
Town of Beaumont, AB	4	Compost project
Ville de Sainte-Julie, QC	5	Mosaics, Marketing Tools
Town of Truro, NS	5	2013 Urban tree planting program
<b>5,001 – 10,000</b>		
<b>Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>“Pay It Forward” Recognition Program</b>
Town of Amherst, NS	4	Victoria Park
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	4	“A Road to Yesterday” Museum
City of Humboldt, SK	5	Humboldt Uniplex
Town of Vegreville, AB	4	Lions Spray Park and Playground
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5	“Lost to the Sea” Memorial
<b>2,001 – 5,000</b>		
<b>Town of Sussex, NB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Publication of Urban Trees: Selection and Care</b>
Town of Kindersley, SK	4	Kindersley Columbarium (Phase 2)
Town of Maple Creek, SK	4	Xeriscape in Practice
Town of Minnedosa, MB	4	Minnedosa Beach Flower Garden
Town of St. Stephen, NB	4	Community's Resilience and Recovery from Flood Devastation
<b>1,001 – 2,000</b>		
<b>Village of Ashcroft, BC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Versatile Community Volunteers</b>
Town of Bruderheim, AB	4	Positive Partnerships
Dawson City, YT	5	Edible Gardening
Town of Lac du Bonnet, MB	5	Innovative Flowerbeds
Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC	5	Water Conservation in the Landscape
<b>Up to 1,000</b>		
<b>Community of Tignish, PE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Interpretive Centre of the Tignish Cultural Centre</b>
Village of Carmacks, YT	4	Community garden and greenhouse at Little Salmon/ Carmacks First Nation
Village of Clinton, BC	4	Funky Flowerpots Contest
Town of Kinistino, SK	5	Community garden project with students
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	5	Centennial Events
<b>Canadian Forces Sustainable Communities</b>		
<b>CFB Shilo, MB</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Residential Planter Box Program</b>
4 Wing Cold Lake, AB	4	Outdoor Classroom
CFB Borden, ON **	5	Naturalization of Green Spaces
Garrison Petawawa, ON	4	Building Relationships with Neighbours

\* **Bold** indicates winner

\*\* Non-competitive

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<b><u>Class of Champions</u></b>		
<b>Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Community Gardens</b>
City of Dauphin, MB	5	West Side Property Clean Up
Town of Millet, AB	5	Salute to the Troops
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5	Hamilton House Gardens
City of Summerside, PE	5	Front Yard Contest - Expansion of Commercial Category
Town of Vermilion, AB	5	Good Life Institute
<b><u>Grand Champions</u></b>		
<b>City of Stratford, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>The LOCAL Community Food Centre</b>
Town of Boissevain, MB	5	Boissevain Recycling Centre
Town of Goderich, ON	5	Goderich Recovery Program following the 2011 tornado
Strathcona County, AB	5	Wetland Preservation and Storm Water Retention Ponds
<b><u>International Challenge (Large Category)</u></b>		
<b>City of Kamloops, BC</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Kenna Cartwright Nature Park management</b>
City of Barrie, ON	5	Green Infrastructure Plan
Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON	5	Municipal parks planning and implementation
Northampton, County Town of Northamptonshire, England	5	Abington Park Tree Collection
Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, South Korea **	5	Seongbukcheon Stream
<b><u>International Challenge (Medium Category)</u></b>		
<b>City of Pembroke, ON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Renaissance Square Project – Algonquin College</b>
City of Castlegar, BC	5	Millennium Park development master plan
Città di Savigliano, Italy	5	Medieval market squares restoration
Sidmouth Town, Devon, UK	4	The Byes joint management program
City of Trail, BC	5	Cultural Heritage
<b><u>International Challenge (Small Category)</u></b>		
<b>Village of Abbeyshrule, Ireland</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Tidiness</b>
Town of Antigonish, NS	5	Environmental Efforts – New Green Library
Community of Fogo, NL	5	Heritage Preservation
Municipality of Jasper, AB	5	Heritage Preservation – St. Mary and St. George Church
Lakeside Chautauqua, Ohio, US	5	Landscape – Residential gardens
Stanghow, UK	4	Community Involvement
Town of Stettler, AB	5	Heritage Preservation – Museum
Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales, UK	5	Floral Displays

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**Special Attractions (non-competitive)**

Battlefields Park, Québec, QC	5	Exceptionnal programs and activities
Reford Gardens, Grand-Métis, QC	5	Exceptionnal floral diversity
SDC Vieux-Montréal, Montréal, QC	5	Local tidiness and calm
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Edmonton, AB	5	Partnerships for Success
Western University Campus, ON	5	Campus Recycling Program

**Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)**

City of Calgary, AB	5	The Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs
Village of Denzil, SK	5	The Reverence and TLC Accorded to Cemeteries
City of Edmonton, AB	5	Giants of Edmonton Murals
Town of Minto, ON	5	Palmerston Lions Heritage Park
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5	Pincher People Power
Town of Qualicum Beach, BC	5	Respect for Water & Marine Life

**Circle of Excellence – Non Evaluated (non-competitive)**

Town of Assiniboia, SK	Town of Fort Erie, ON	Town of Neepawa, MB
Town of Athabasca, AB	Town of Gibbons, AB	Town of New Glasgow, NS
Town of Aylmer, ON	Ville de Granby, QC	Town of Olds, AB
City of Brandon, MB	Town of Hampton, NB	City of Oshawa, ON
City of Campbell River, BC	Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB	Ville de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC
City of Charlottetown, PE	City of Leduc, AB	City of Westmount, QC
Village of Forestburg, AB	City of Medicine Hat, AB	City of Wetaskiwin, AB

**Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges**

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## COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY

The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

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