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On October 29th 2016, the 22nd Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Regina, Saskatchewan, honouring municipalities across Canada, the United States, England, United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Croatia and Italy.

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National Chair Bob Lewis – “On behalf of the National Committee, Judges and Sponsors – sincerely thanks and congratulates all those involved in the program: their efforts are making our communities better places to live in, to work in ...and to visit.”

National & International Award Winners

Up to 4,500:	Ituna, SK
4,501 - 9,000:	Humboldt, SK
9,001 - 25,000:	Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
Over 50,000:	Coquitlam, BC
Class of Champions (Small):	Sussex, NB
Class of Champions (Medium):	Charlottetown, PE
International Challenge (Small):	Pré-Saint-Didier, Italy
International Challenge: (Medium):	Estes Park, Colorado, USA
International Challenge (Large):	Lambton Shores, ON, Canada
International Challenge (Very Large):	Edmonton, AB, Canada
Grand Champions:	Barrie, ON

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Home Hardware Community Involvement Award:	Trail, BC
Scotts Community of Gardeners Award:	Bruderheim, AB
CN Urban Forestry Award:	Barrie, ON
National Capital Commission Floral Displays Award:	Millet, AB
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone Heritage Conservation Award:	Castlegar, BC
Scotts Turf Builder Landscape Award:	Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
Natura Tidiness Award:	Lambton Shores, ON
Municipal World WinterLife Award:	Kingsville, ON
Scotts Miracle-Gro Youth Involvement Award:	Brandon, MB
The Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award:	Maple Creek, SK
Bees Matter Pollinator Friendly Community Award:	Stratford, ON
Ball International Flower Displays Award:	Estes Park, CO, USA
CiB Foundation International Community Involvement Award:	Letterkenny, Ireland
Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association Environmental Action Award:	Witless Bay, NL

For further information and to obtain photographs, please contact: bloom@cib-cef.com or call us at 514-694-8871 ext: 1

Communities are evaluated using a “bloom” rating determined by the total score of the evaluation:
0 to 55 %=1 Bloom 56 to 63 %=2 Blooms 64 to 72 %=3 Blooms 73 to 81 %=4 Blooms 82 % and over=5 Blooms

There are four (4) levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to the National and International Edition:
5 Blooms: 82 to 83.9% Bronze: 84 to 86.9% Silver: 87 to 89.9% Gold: 90% and over

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“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, Asia 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
Up to 4,500		
Town of Bruderheim, AB	5	Community Partnerships
Town of Hanna, AB	4	Community Garden
Town of Ituna, SK	5 Bronze	Pristine Prairie Pride
Town of Maple Creek, SK	5	Main Street Redevelopment
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	5	Community Helpfulness
Town of Windsor, NS	5	Trail System
Town of Witless Bay, NL	5	Puffin Patrol
4,501 - 9,000		
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5	Environmental Action
Town of Drayton Valley, AB	5	Raised Bed Edible Garden Project
City of Humboldt, SK	5 Bronze	Old Humboldt Grassland
Town of Stonewall, MB	5	Wayside-Kurelek Park
9,001 - 25,000		
Town of Amherstburg, ON	5 Bronze	Holiday Beach and Big Creek Conservation Area
Ville de Bois-des-Filion, QC	4	Landscape Design
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON	5 Silver	Community Involvement
Municipality of South Huron, ON	5	Grand Bend Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Landscape
Over 50,000		
City of Coquitlam, BC	5 Silver	Mackin House Museum and Mackin Park
City of St. John's, NL	4	Bowring Park
International Challenge (Small)		
Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB	5	Restoration of Heritage Building
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5 Bronze	Murals' Program
Commune de Pré-Saint-Didier, Italy	5 Bronze	Schoolchildren Garden
Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC	5	Quality Landscapes
Sveti Martin na Muri, Croatia	5	Children Involvement in the Community Beginning in Kindergarten
International Challenge (Medium)		
Town of Estes Park, Colorado, USA	5 Bronze	Riverwalk
Municipality of Jasper, AB	5 Bronze	Effective Management of the Environmental File
Town of Stettler, AB	5 Bronze	Environmental Initiatives
International Challenge (Large)		
City of Fairhope, Alabama USA	5 Silver	All year round floral displays
Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON	5 Silver	CiB Mystery Tour
Letterkenny, Co Donegal Ireland	5	Letterkenny Tidy Towns Committee
City of Morro Bay, California USA	5	Dune Restoration and Maintenance
Omagh Town, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Northern Ireland, UK	5 Bronze	Wildflower Initiatives
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5 Silver	Riverbank Enhancement
International Challenge (Very Large)		
City of Edmonton, AB	5 Silver	Mosaic Centre
Town of Loughborough, Leicestershire, UK	5	Forest Road Green Belt Project
Norwich City, Norfolk, England	5 Bronze	Heavenly Gardens
Racine, Wisconsin, USA	5 Bronze	Samuel Myers Park Shoreline Rehabilitation

* **Bold indicates winner**

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<u>Class of Champions (Small)</u>		
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5 Bronze	Glass Mosaics
Town of Kinistino, SK	5 Bronze	Mather Park
Town of Millet, AB	5 Bronze	Volunteerism and Community Partnerships
Town of Sussex, NB	5 Silver	Discovery Park
Community of Tignish, PE	5 Bronze	Tribute to the Veterans of Tignish
Town of Vermilion, AB	5 Bronze	Cenotaph Reconstruction
<u>Class of Champions (Medium)</u>		
Town of Beaumont, AB	5 Bronze	Positive Partnerships
City of Castlegar, BC	5 Bronze	Blooming of Spring Bulbs
City of Charlottetown, PE	5 Silver	Working Together
City of Trail, BC	5 Bronze	Exploring Trail on Two Wheels
<u>Grand Champions</u>		
City of Barrie, ON	5 Silver	Fruit Share Program
Municipality of Boissevain-Morton, MB	5 Silver	Community Leadership
<u>Special Attractions – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
Assiniboine Park Conservancy, MB	5 Bronze	Sustainability
Battlefields Park, QC	5 Silver	Redevelopment of Gilmour Hill
International Peace Garden, MB	4	Conservatory with Cacti and Succulent Collection
Jardins de Métis / Reford Gardens, QC	5 Gold	Protection and Enhancement of Natural & Built Heritage
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, AB	5 Gold	Mobility Program
<u>Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
City of Brooks, AB	5 Silver	Water Conservation in Irrigation
City of Calgary, AB	5 Bronze	Central Memorial Park
Town of Goderich, ON	5 Gold	Goderich Waterfront Master Plan
Town of Indian Head, SK	5 Bronze	Pollinator Garden Initiatives
Strathcona County, AB	5 Silver	Prairie Walk in Centre in the Park
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5 Bronze	Helping Hands & Growing Pride
<u>Circle of Excellence (Non Evaluated)</u>		
Town of Aylmer, ON	Ville de Granby, QC	City of Saint John, NB
City of Brandon, MB	City of Kamloops, BC	City of Stratford, ON
City of Dauphin, MB	City of Leduc, AB	City of West Kelowna/Westbank First Nation, BC
Village of Denzil, SK	Town of Minto, ON	City of Westmount, QC
Town of Essex, ON	Town of New Glasgow, NS	Town of Whitby, ON
Village of Forestburg, AB	Town of Olds, AB	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB
Town of Fort Erie, ON	City of Oshawa, ON	
Town of Gibbons, AB	Village of Pugwash, NS	

Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

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The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

The dedication of our judges, staff and organizations

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