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Communities in Bloom Alberta Reveals 2017 Winners At Provincial Awards Ceremony

Lacombe, AB – Communities in Bloom (CiB) Alberta and the Alberta Recreation and Parks Association, along with the Alberta Horticulture Association, celebrated CiB's 2017 participating communities at its provincial awards conference and banquet held in Lacombe, Alberta on Friday, September 21 & Saturday, September 22, 2017.

Earlier this summer, volunteer judges toured participating Alberta communities to evaluate them on the following criteria:

- Tidiness
- Environmental Action
- Heritage Conservation
- Urban Forestry
- Landscape
- Floral Displays

Each evaluated community was assigned a "Bloom Rating", acknowledging the contribution of its municipal council and departments, local businesses, and volunteers in making their community a more beautiful place to live. The winners of this year's program are invited to compete at the national level next year.

Population 1 – 500 (Competitive):

- **Village of Veteran – 5 Blooms (Category Winner)**

Population 501 - 2,000 (Competitive):

- **Town of Bon Accord – 5 Blooms (Category Winner)**
- Town of Irricana – 4 Blooms

Population 2,001 – 6,000 (Competitive):

- **Town of Cardston – 5 Blooms (Category Winner)**
- Town of St. Paul – 4 Blooms

Population 6,001 – 15,000 (Competitive):

- **Town of Taber – 5 Blooms (Category Winner)**
- Town of Coaldale – 5 Blooms

Friends – Evaluated (Non-Competitive)

- Town of Morinville – 5 Blooms

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- Town of Barrhead and County of Barrhead – 5 Blooms

Friends – Non-Evaluated (Non-Competitive)

- City of Cold Lake
- Town of Coronation
- Village of Glenwood
- Village of Hay Lakes
- Hamlet of Woking
- Town of Redwater
- Town of Provost
- Town of Strathmore
- Village of Thorsby
- Town of Three Hills
- Village of Wabamun
- Town of Wainwright
- Village of Delia

Novice – Evaluated (Non-Competitive)

- Town of Devon
- Town of Eckville
- Village of Boyle
- Town of Calmar
- Town of Didsbury
- Town of Sundre

Communities in Bloom is a vibrant network of volunteers working together to make Canadian communities beautiful by cultivating community involvement and growing green spaces. The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association administers the Communities in Bloom initiative in Alberta.

The Alberta Recreation and Parks Association is a not-for-profit organization committed to building healthier and happier communities and citizens by developing and promoting recreation and parks.

For more information about the Communities in Bloom program, please visit cib.arpaonline.ca.

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