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On September 20th 2014, the 20th Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, 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

Up to 1,000:	Pugwash, NS	Canadian Forces Sustainable	Garrison Petawawa, ON
1,001 - 5,000:	Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC	Class of Champions (Small):	Dauphin, MB
5,001 - 9,000:	Yarmouth, NS	Class of Champions (Medium-Large):	Barrie, ON
9,001 - 20,000:	Beaumont, AB	Grand Champions:	Goderich, ON
Over 50,000:	Whitby, ON	International Challenge (Small):	Castlegar, BC
	Wood Buffalo, AB	International Challenge (Medium):	Gemeente Weert, The Netherlands
		International Challenge (Large):	The London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, London, England, UK

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Home Hardware Community Involvement Award:	Strathcona County, AB
Scotts Community of Gardeners Award:	Summerside, PE
CN Urban Forestry Award:	Drummondville, QC
National Capital Commission Floral Displays Award:	Stratford, ON
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone Heritage Conservation Award:	Millet, AB
Scotts Turf Builder Landscape Award:	Trail, BC
Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association Environmental Action Award:	Wood Buffalo, AB
Natura Tidiness Award:	Stettler, AB
Municipal World WinterLife Award:	Edmonton, AB
Communities in Bloom Foundation Youth Involvement Award:	Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB
The Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award:	Brandon, MB

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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 1,000		
Village of Pugwash, NS	5	Peace Ground in Eaton Park
Town of Arnold's Cove, NL	4	Volunteer Effort of Residents
Village of Clinton, BC	4	Horticultural Displays and Tidiness at Clinton's Eco Depot
Town of Kinistino, SK	5	Historical Walking Tour Project Pamphlet
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	5	Norwegian-themed Playground and Outdoor Fitness Centre
1,001 - 5,000		
Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC	5	Edible Gardening
Town of Bruderheim, AB	5	A Community of Gardeners
Town of Carbonear, NL	4	Unearthing History on Carbonear Island
Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC	5	Streetscape Program
Town of Indian Head, SK	5	Big Forest on the Prairie
Town of Windsor, NS	4	Downtown Mini-Parks
5,001 - 9,000		
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5	Mayor's All Hands on Deck Initiative
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5	New Plaque at War Memorial
Town of Drayton Valley, AB	5	The Interpretive Signage Project
City of Humboldt, SK	5	Humboldt & District Heritage Garden: "Parsley, Sage, Roses...And Time"
Town of Kindersley, SK	4	Kindersley Youth Council
Town of Vegreville, AB	5	Official Town Tree: The Vegreville Patmore Green Ash
9,001 - 20,000		
Town of Beaumont, AB	5	Main Street Renovation
Town of Chestermere, AB	4	Anniversary Park Redevelopment Plan
Ville de Lorraine, QC	4	Grand Côteau Forest
Over 50,000		
Town of Whitby, ON	5	The Preservation and Relocation of the Circa 1812 Lynde House
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB	5	Marine Park
Ville de Drummondville, QC	5	Marconi Wooded Area and Trails
Canadian Forces Sustainable Communities		
Garrison Petawawa, ON	4	Strength of Partnership with Town of Petawawa
4 Wing Cold Lake, AB	4	Cold Lake Air Force Museum
CFB Shilo, MB	4	Base Landfill Site

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<u>International Challenge (Small)</u>		
City of Castlegar, BC	5	Community Involvement in Floral Displays
Community of Fogo, Fogo Island, NL	5	Reuse of Old Buildings
Municipality of Jasper, AB	5	Effort and Innovation in Urban Forestry Protection
Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB	5	Projects for Water Preservation
Moynalty Village, Ireland	5	Ongoing Projects for Beautification
Town of Stettler, AB	5	Project: Walk 'n' Roll
City of Trail, BC	5	IncrEDIBLE Green Route Walking Community Garden
<u>International Challenge (Medium)</u>		
Gemeente Weert, The Netherlands	5	Kempen-Broek Cross Border Park
Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON	5	Volunteers in the Community
Prestatyn, Denbighshire, North Wales, UK	5	Integration of New Retail with High Street
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5	Public Banner Program
<u>International Challenge (Large)</u>		
The London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, London, England, UK	5	Collaboration with Community Friends Groups
Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON	5	Preservation of Natural Sites by Volunteers
City of Sarnia, ON	5	Germain Park's Floral Displays
<u>International Challenge Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
City of Calgary, AB	5	Calgary Greenway Project
City of Edmonton, AB	5	LRT Expansion – Valley Line Stage 1
Makinohara, Japan	5	Community Groups Involvement
Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, South Korea	5	Weekend Farms
City of Vancouver, BC	5	Beaver Lake Enhancement
<u>Class of Champions (Small)</u>		
City of Dauphin, MB	5	Revitalization West Dauphin
Town of Appleton, NL	5	Appleton Wastewater Treatment Facility
Town of Millet, AB	5	Pipestone Park Enhancement Project
Municipality of Southwest Middlesex, ON	5	Train Station and Cenotaph Restoration
Town of Sussex, NB	5	Community Spirit ... more than Just Flowers
Community of Tignish, PE	5	Tignish Initiatives ... Economic and Community Development
Town of Vermilion, AB	5	Splash Park
<u>Class of Champions (Medium-Large)</u>		
City of Barrie, ON	5	Growth Management Plan
City of Brooks, AB	5	Public Art Murals
City of Medicine Hat, AB	5	Cultural Heritage Preservation
City of Summerside, PE	5	Water Treatment Plant
City of Westmount, QC	5	Westmount Recreation Centre (WRC)
<u>Grand Champions</u>		
Town of Goderich, ON	5	The Arboretum in Courthouse Square Park
Town of Boissevain, MB	5	Outstanding Community Volunteerism

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<u>Special Attractions – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
Parc des Champs-de-Bataille, Québec, QC	5	My Mobile Plains new app
Jardins de Métis Reford Gardens, Grand-Métis, QC	5	Excellence in Marketing and Horticultural Communication
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, AB	5	Authenticity & Interpretation
<u>Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5	Completion of Community Hall Upgrade Project
City of Brandon, MB	5	Fabulous Fronts-Front Garden Recognition
City of Pembroke, ON	5	Local Communities in Bloom competition
<u>Circle of Excellence (Non Evaluated)</u>		
Town of Antigonish NS	Town of Fort Erie, ON	Town of New Glasgow, NS
Town of Assiniboia, SK	Town of Gibbons, AB	Town of Olds, AB
Town of Athabasca, AB	Ville de Granby, QC	City of Oshawa, ON
Town of Aylmer, ON	Town of Hampton, NB	Town of Pincher Creek, AB
City of Charlottetown, PE	City of Kamloops, BC	Ville de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC
Village of Denzil, SK	City of Leduc, AB	Town of Souris, PE
Village of Forestburg, AB	Town of Minto, ON	City of Stratford, ON
		Strathcona County, AB

Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

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