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Recently retired from a successful career as a Landscape Architect, Gerry has sustained his interest in and passion for design and landscapes through numerous activities. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoys all aspects of recreation including gardening, cycling, fishing, trekking, golf and hockey. A graduate of Carleton University (BSc in Chemistry) and from l'Université de Montréal in Landscape Architecture (BAP/BLA) he pursued his career as a professional LA with the National Capital Commission in Ottawa, Canada for over 34 years.

Following retirement, Gerry continued to be actively involved in his community, providing advice and support to various organizations. Presently he serves as an active Board member of a volunteer-based group advancing the creation of a national-reach botanical garden in the National Capital Region, to be known as Canadensis, the Garden of Canada / le Jardins du Canada.

In recognition of his contributions to the greater community, Gerry was awarded in 2016 the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers by the Governor General. His greatest satisfaction however, is having participated in the promotion of civic pride and beautification in Canada and abroad through his involvement as a National and International Judge in Communities in Bloom, since its inception in 1995. It is his belief that CiB/Cef has contributed in a unique and significant manner to healthy communities and an enhanced quality of life for its residents, through the initiation of many programs and proactive actions. These initiatives reinforce the principles of environmental sustainability and awareness. In so doing, we all have benefitted from a better understanding of the challenges brought on by climatic changes that constantly affect our communities.