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Canada Communities in Bloom Collectivités en fleurs

Mise en valeur des espaces verts au sein des collectivités

On October 3rd 2015, the 21st Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Kamloops, British Columbia, 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 those involved in the program: their efforts are making our communities better places to live in, to work in …and to visit."

Congratulations to Goderich, Ontario and Antalya, Turkey – the first 5 Blooms - Gold communities

National & International Award Winners

Up to 1,000: Kinistino SK
1,001 - 4,500: Indian Head SK
4,501 - 9,000: Perth ON
9,001 - 20,000: Essex ON
20,001 - 50,000: West Kelowna & Westbank First Nation
Over 50,000: Maple Ridge BC

Class of Champions (Small): Pincher Creek AB
Class of Champions (Medium): Brooks AB
Class of Champions (Large): Wood Buffalo AB
Grand Champions: Strathcona County AB
International Challenge (Small): Glenarm Village, County of Antrim, Northern Ireland UK
International Challenge: (Medium): Trail BC
International Challenge (Large): Comune di Cervia Italy
International Challenge (Very Large): Sarnia ON

5 Blooms - Gold Communities

Town of Goderich, Ontario – City of Antalya, Turkey

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Home Hardware ***Community Involvement*** Award:	Jasper AB
Scotts ***Community of Gardeners*** Award:	Edmonton AB
CN ***Urban Forestry*** Award:	Charlottetown PE
National Capital Commission ***Floral Displays*** Award:	Rosemère QC
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone ***Heritage Conservation*** Award:	Grand Falls-Windsor NL
Scotts Turf Builder ***Landscape*** Award:	Sun Rivers Resort Community BC
Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association ***Environmental Action*** Award:	Brandon MB
Natura ***Tidiness*** Award:	Castlegar BC
Municipal World ***WinterLife*** Award:	Barrie ON
Communities in Bloom Foundation ***Youth Involvement*** Award:	Stettler AB
The Butchart Gardens ***Land Reclamation*** Award:	Yarmouth NS

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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		
Town of Arnold's Cove, NL	4	Ivy's Lookout
Village of Clinton, BC	4	Community Involvement in Water Conservation
Town of Kinistino, SK	5 Bronze	Floral Displays
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	5	Perseverance in Tidiness Respect
1,001 - 4,500		
Town of Bruderheim, AB	5	Youth and Senior Involvement
Town of Hanna, AB	4	"Blooms to You" Program
Town of Indian Head, SK	5 Bronze	Indian Head Community Forest
Village de Sainte-Pétronille, QC	5	Distribution of Floral Displays
Town of Souris, PE	5	Souris Beach Gateway Park
Town of Windsor, NS	5	Windsor Tree Canopy Committee
Town of Witless Bay, NL	4	Conservation Efforts
4,501 - 9,000		
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5	Goose Pond Walking Trail
Town of Carbonear, NL	4	Walking Trail System Development
City of Humboldt, SK	5	Community Gardens
Town of Kindersley, SK	4	Community Walking Trail
Town of Perth, ON	5	The Table Community Garden
Town of Stonewall, MB	4	Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre
Town of Vegreville, AB	5	47th Street North Walking Trail Beautification
9,001 - 20,000		
Town of Essex, ON	5	Harrow Veterans Memorial Park
Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, NL	4	Grand Falls House Property
Municipality of South Huron, ON	4	Grand Cove Estates
20,001 – 50,000		
Ville de Dieppe, NB	4	Ongoing Sustainable Development Initiatives
District of Mission, BC	5 Bronze	Communities in Bloom School Program
District of West Kelowna and Westbank First Nation, BC	5 Bronze	Westbank First Nation Boucherie Road Beach Improvement
Over 50,000		
Ville de Drummondville, QC	5	Innovative community gardens
City of Maple Ridge, BC	5 Silver	Urban Forestry Management Plan

*** Bold** indicates winner

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International Challenge (Small)		
Village of Cehnice, Czech Republic	5	Passing Heritage onto Children
Community of Fogo, Fogo Island, NL	5	Recycling Reform
Glenarm Village County of Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK	5 Bronze	Pallet Fence with Flowers
Sun Rivers Resort Community, BC	5	Flood Control Plan
International Challenge (Medium)		
Ahoghill, County of Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK	5 Bronze	Positive Partnerships
Town of Estes Park, Colorado, USA	5	Working Together
Municipality of Jasper, AB	5	Growing Edibles & Growing Community
Town of Stettler, AB	5 Bronze	Pride, Partnerships & Promotion
City of Trail, BC	5 Bronze	Trail Rocks!
International Challenge (Large)		
City of Calabasas, California USA	5 Silver	Las Virgenes Creek Restoration
Comune di Cervia, Italy	5 Silver	International Gardens
Town of Fort Erie, ON	5 Silver	Volunteer Involvement and Recognition
Kilkenny City , Ireland	5 Bronze	Medieval Garden at the Rothe House
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5 Silver	Exceptional Private Gardens
International Challenge (Very Large)		
Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON	5 Bronze	Return The Landscape - Prairie Restoration Project
City of Sarnia, ON	5 Bronze	Remedial Action Plan for Centennial Park
City of Zlin, Czech Republic	5	Revitalization of Park Komenskeho
International Challenge		
Antalya in Bloom, Turkey	5 Gold	Antalya in Bloom Project
Class of Champions (Small)		
Town of Antigonish, NS	5	Plant the Town
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5 Bronze	Heritage Place Park
Town of Millet, AB	5 Bronze	Millet in Bloom 20th Anniversary Project
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5 Silver	Lebel Mansion Rose Garden
Town of Sussex, NB	5 Bronze	Jakab's Toolshed Memorial Project
Community of Tignish, PE	5 Bronze	Accessible Fishing / Sitting Platforms
Class of Champions (Medium)		
Town of Beaumont, AB	5	Great Diversity in Parks
City of Brooks, AB	5 Bronze	Remarkable Tidiness Throughout the Community
City of Castlegar, BC	5 Bronze	White Gardens
City of Summerside, PE	5 Bronze	Heritage Conservation
Class of Champions (Large)		
City of Charlottetown, PE	5 Silver	Business and Institutions' Involvement
City of Leduc, AB	5 Silver	Multiway Trail System
City of Westmount, QC	5 Silver	Environmental Stewardship
R.M. of Wood Buffalo, AB	5 Silver	Snye Point Park
Grand Champions		
City of Barrie, ON	5 Silver	Excellence in Sports Field Maintenance
Municipality of Boissevain-Morton, MB	5 Silver	Floral Enhancement Program
Strathcona County, AB	5 Silver	Outdoor Public Art Plan

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Special Attractions – Evaluated (non-competitive)		
Battlefields Park, QC	5 Bronze	Majestic Trees
International Peace Garden, MB	4	A Garden for Peace and Friendship
Jardins de Métis / Reford Gardens, QC	5 Silver	Sustainable Garden Initiatives
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, AB	5 Silver	Dark Sky Program
Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)		
City of Calgary, AB	5 Bronze	Biodiversity Strategic Plan
City of Edmonton, AB	5 Silver	Root for Trees Initiative
Town of Goderich, ON	5 Gold	Railway Station Relocation and Restoration
Ville de Granby, QC	5 Silver	Universal Community Garden at the Saint-Benoit Community Centre
City of St. John's, NL	4	Bannerman Park Revitalization
City of Stratford, ON	5 Silver	Urban Forestry
Downtown Sydney, NS	3	ARTirondack Chair Project
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5 Bronze	Streetscape Upgrades on Hawthorne Street

Circle of Excellence (Non Evaluated)

Town of Aylmer, ON	Town of Hampton, NB	Town of New Glasgow, NS
City of Brandon, MB	City of Kamloops, BC	Town of Olds, AB
City of Dauphin, MB	Municipality of Killarney-Turtle	City of Oshawa, ON
Village of Denzil, SK	Mountain, MB	Village of Pugwash, NS
Village of Forestburg, AB	Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON	City of Seongbuk-gu, South Korea
Town of Gibbons, AB	City of Medicine Hat, AB	Town of Vermilion, AB
	Town of Minto, ON	Town of Whitby, ON

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