

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the 24<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Strathcona County, Alberta, honouring municipalities across Canada, the United States, Belgium, Hungary, Ireland, Croatia, Italy and Wales, United Kingdom.

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.”

### **National & International Award Winners**

<b>Up to 1,500:</b>	Sainte-Pétronille, QC
<b>1,501 - 5,000:</b>	Hanna, AB
<b>5,001 - 10,000:</b>	South Huron, ON
<b>10,001 - 30,000:</b>	Orangeville, ON
<b>International Challenge (Small):</b>	Usk in Bloom, Monmouthshire, Wales, UK
<b>International Challenge: (Medium):</b>	Lewes, Delaware, USA
<b>International Challenge (Large):</b>	Rosemère, QC
<b>Class of Champions (Small):</b>	Castlegar, BC
<b>Class of Champions (Large):</b>	Coquitlam, BC
<b>Grand Champions:</b>	Lambton Shores, ON

### **Outstanding Achievement Awards Winners**

Home Hardware <b>Community Involvement</b> Award:	Essex, ON
Scotts <b>Community of Gardeners</b> Award:	Stettler, AB
Communities in Bloom <b>Urban Forestry</b> Award:	Yarmouth, NS
National Capital Commission <b>Floral Displays</b> Award:	Barrie, ON
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone <b>Heritage Conservation</b> Award:	Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
Scotts Turf Builder <b>Landscape</b> Award:	Sarnia, ON
Natura <b>Tidiness</b> Award:	Pincher Creek, AB
Municipal World <b>WinterLife</b> Award:	Bruderheim, AB
Scotts <b>Youth Involvement</b> Award:	Ashcroft, BC
The Butchart Gardens <b>Land Reclamation</b> Award:	Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB
Bees Matter <b>Pollinator Friendly Community</b> Award:	Coquitlam, BC
Canadian Nursery and Landscape Association <b>Environmental Action</b> Award:	Jasper, AB
Ball <b>International Community Floral Displays</b> Award:	Birdhill, Co Tipperary, Ireland
Ball <b>International Outstanding Floral Displays</b> Award:	Nieuwpoort, Belgium
CiB Foundation <b>International Community Involvement</b> Award:	Tihany, Veszprém, Hungary

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Category	Rating	Special Mention / Recognition
<b>Up to 1,500</b>		
<b>Village de Sainte-Pétronille, QC</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Bronze</b>	<b>Town Hall...A Community Hub</b>
Town of Alberton, PE ** <i>non competitive</i>	3 Blooms	Revitalized Alley
Town of Bruderheim, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Waterwise Planters
Village of Chipman, NB ** <i>non competitive</i>	4 Blooms	Local CiB Committee Leadership
Village of Petitcodiac, NB ** <i>non competitive</i>	3 Blooms	Waterfowl Trail
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	5 Blooms	Water Conservation
<b>1,501 – 5,000</b>		
<b>Town of Hanna, AB</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Bronze</b>	<b>Increased Emphasis on Trees</b>
Township of Madawaska Valley, ON	5 Blooms	Positive Community Partnerships
Village of Merrickville-Wolford, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Business Community Support and Involvement
Town of Prescott, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Rejuvenating the Arboretum
Community of Springhill, NS ** <i>non competitive</i>		Lions Park
<b>5,001 to 10,000</b>		
<b>Municipality of South Huron, ON</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Bronze</b>	<b>Rural Gardens</b>
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5 Blooms – Bronze	Experiential Tourism with Green Spaces
Town of Coaldale, AB	5 Blooms	CiB Participant Poster Project
<b>10,001 to 30,000</b>		
<b>Town of Orangeville, ON</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Silver</b>	<b>Friendship Gardens at Headwaters Health Care Centre</b>
Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, NL	5 Blooms	Community Garden
Municipality of Leamington, ON	5 Blooms – Silver	Waterfront Development
<b>International Challenge (Small)</b>		
<b>Usk in Bloom, Monmouthshire, Wales, UK</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Silver</b>	<b>Open Garden Days</b>
Village of Birdhill, Co Tipperary, Ireland	5 Blooms – Bronze	Community Park
Community of Fogo, Fogo Island, NL	5 Blooms – Bronze	Preservation of Natural Landscape
Comune di Pomaretto, Torino, Italia	5 Blooms – Silver	Roundabouts Landscaping
Municipality of Tihany, Veszprém, Hungary	5 Blooms – Bronze	Program of Renewal
<b>International Challenge (Medium)</b>		
<b>City of Lewes, Delaware, USA</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Silver</b>	<b>Lewes in Bloom</b>
Municipality of Jasper, AB	5 Blooms – Silver	Friends of Jasper – Volunteerism
Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Rain Garden
Town of Novi Vinodolski, Croatia	5 Blooms – Bronze	Roundabout - Floral Display
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Council Support for CiB Committee
Town of Stettler, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Community Orchard
<b>International Challenge (Large)</b>		
<b>Ville de Rosemère, QC</b>	<b>5 Blooms – Gold</b>	<b>Urban Forest – “Tree Celebration”</b>
Town of Beaumont, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Four Seasons Park...A Park for all Seasons
City of Brooks, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Heritage Rose Garden
Llandudno in Bloom, Wales, UK	5 Blooms – Silver	Ysgol San Sior's Focus on Environmental Learning
City of Nieuwpoort, Belgium	5 Blooms – Gold	Green Sculpture Festival 2018
Town of Szentés, Csongrad, Hungary	5 Blooms – Silver	Waterways Protection Initiative

**\*Bold indicates winner**

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

**Class of Champions (Small)**

**City of Castlegar, BC**

Village of Ashcroft, BC  
Town of Kinistino, SK  
City of Trail, BC

**5 Blooms – Bronze**

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**Volunteer Involvement**

Chinese Railway Workers' Cemetery  
Community Involvement  
Teck Environmental Stewardship and Financial Support

**Class of Champions (Large)**

**City of Coquitlam, BC**

City of Edmonton, AB  
City of Sarnia, ON  
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB

**5 Blooms – Silver**

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**Town Centre Park**

Innovative Parks Maintenance Practices  
Veterans Park  
Fire Recovery Initiatives

**Grand Champions**

**Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON**

Municipality of Boissevain-Morton, MB

**5 Blooms – Silver**

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**Forest Legion - Landscape and Tree Stump Carving**

Petunia Trees - Unique Floral Displays

**Special Attractions – Evaluated (non-competitive)**

International Peace Garden, MB  
Jardins de Métis / Reford Gardens, QC  
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, AB

5 Blooms  
5 Blooms – Gold  
5 Blooms – Silver

Landscape Diversity  
An Exceptional Learning Experience  
Stelmach House Learning Centre

**Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)**

City of Barrie, ON  
City of Calgary, AB  
Town of Indian Head, SK  
Town of Maple Creek, SK  
Town of Millet, AB  
Town of Sussex, NB  
Town of Yarmouth, NS

5 Blooms – Gold  
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Military Heritage Park  
Cultural Landscapes Strategic Plan  
DED Resistant Japanese Elms Initiatives  
Downtown Retrofit and Tourism Promotion  
Excellent Maintenance of Flowers & Turf  
Leonard's Gate  
Urban Forestry: Tree Inventory

**Circle of Excellence (non-evaluated)**

Town of Antigonish, NS  
Town of Aylmer, ON  
City of Brandon, MB  
City of Charlottetown, PE  
Town of Cobourg, ON  
City of Dauphin, MB  
Village of Denzil, SK  
Town of Essex, ON

Village of Forestburg, AB  
Town of Fort Erie, ON  
Town of Gibbons, AB  
Town of Goderich, ON  
City of Leduc, AB  
Town of Minto, ON  
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON  
City of Oshawa, ON

Village of Pugwash, NS  
City of Stratford, ON  
Strathcona County, AB  
Town of Stonewall, MB  
Town of Tignish, PE  
City of Westmount, QC  
Town of Windsor, NS

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

*“Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.”*

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