



## 2023 International Judge



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John Lohuis holds over 40 years of experience in a wide range of municipal and provincial government positions and within the private sector. John has been employed in significant administrator positions in parks and recreation since 1977 contributing to making our places and spaces better and more sustainable.

John is a National and International Judge for Communities in Bloom and thereby continues to work with best practices, benchmarking and continuous improvement for communities in the USA, Canada and Europe and utilizes CiB judging criteria in the program for the betterment of our outdoor parks, trails and natural areas.

John also completed work as CEO/GM of the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) from 2012 to 2016, a provincial tourism agency with a gross budget of over \$90 million. John reinvigorated the NPC with new innovative approaches and a new strategic plan that recognized the international significance of Niagara and its precious history, world class natural environment and tourism impacts.

John as a student worked with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Visitor Services programs serving Long Point, Turkey Point and Selkirk Provincial Parks. John also was an adjunct lecturer for the University of Waterloo, within the Applied Health Sciences Faculty at the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, where he taught courses in Finance, Marketing and Tourism.

John is a past President of the Ontario Parks Association (OPA), previously on the Board of Directors of Parks & Recreation Ontario (PRO) and Co-Chair of the PRO Public Affairs Committee for over 10 years, and prior chair of Canadian Parks Recreation Association (CPRA) parks advisory committee.

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