



2023 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Provincial Results

Communities in Bloom Provincial Winners:

The following Provincial Winners excelled in these six criteria:

Population Category 501 – 1,000

Eastend, SK

4 Blooms

Special Mention for Tree Management and Natural Tree Nursery

Population Category 1,001 – 2,000

Shellbrook, SK

3 Blooms

Special Mention for Tree Planting Partnership Project at the Golf Course

Population Category 2,001 – 3,000

Moosomin, SK

4 Blooms

Special Mention for Community/Business Support and Volunteers

Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Recipients:

- Community Appearance – Coronach for their Old Coronach Street Festival Museum Murals
- Environmental Action – Eastend for the Southwest Waste Management Authority Regional Landfill
- Heritage Recognition – Craik for their Communities in Bloom Peace Pole Project
- Volunteer Recognition – *Two Winners!* – The Old Coronach Street Festival Committee in Coronach, Saskatchewan and the McNaughton High School's Environmental Science Class in Moosomin, Saskatchewan
- Community Spirit – Saskatchewan Beach for Communities in Bloom Activities and Excitement of Residents
- Floral Displays – Moosomin & District Regional Park for their Floral Displays throughout the Regional Park

"Take a Shot!" Photo Contest

- 1st Place – Rosa B. Vázquez, Eastend, Saskatchewan
- 2nd Place – Gwen Eyre, Craik, Saskatchewan
- 3rd Place – Town of Coronach (co-credit: Canadian James Photography), Coronach, Saskatchewan



2023 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Provincial Participants and Results

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
Population 1 – 500			
Riverhurst	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Seed Drill Planter at the top of Main Street
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Shields	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Denzil	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Saskatchewan Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 501 – 1,000			
Eastend – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Tree Management and Natural Tree Nursery
Eston	Competitive	4 Blooms	Beautiful and Diverse Floral Displays
Carrot River	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Container Plants on Main Street
St. Walburg	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Overall Tidiness of the Entire Community
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Qu'Appelle	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Coronach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Dundurn	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 1,001 – 2,000			
Shellbrook – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	3 Blooms	Tree Planting Partnership Project at the Golf Course
Langham	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	New Gateway Entrance Sign
Fort Qu'Appelle	Tourist's Takeaway	5 Blooms	Communities in Bloom Floral Bed at the Cemetery



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Île-à-la-Crosse	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Creighton	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 2,001 – 3,000			
Moosomin – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Community/Business Support and Volunteers
Outlook	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	War Memorial with Three Plinths and Flanders Field Poppies
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Pilot Butte	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Maple Creek	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 3,001 – 4999			
Nipawin	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 5,000 and higher			
Martensville	Novice	3 Blooms	Beautiful and Expansive Water Features Through-out Parks
Moose Jaw	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Humboldt	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a



Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Recipients:

Community Appearance Award

Coronach for their Old Coronach Street Festival Museum Murals

Four Murals have been completed throughout the community by the Old Coronach Street Festival Committee. Two murals were completed in the downtown area within the last three years and accompany pocket parks that were completed following the demolition of vacant buildings. In 2023, two more murals were completed at the Coronach District Museum. Both murals represent agriculture over the years.

The completion of murals at the museum was especially significant to the community as the aging exterior of the museum needed a refresh. The murals were placed on two different sides of the building and WOW do they make a difference! A lot of work was done to repair the walls prior to painting the murals. These murals are revitalizing the community pride in the museum and are also the first step in painting the remainder of the building.

Environmental Action Award

Eastend for the Southwest Waste Management Authority Regional Landfill

The Southwest Waste Management Authority Regional Landfill is an excellent example of what communities that collaborate together can achieve. The Landfill is managed by a Regional Board, formed by the Town of Eastend, the Town of Shaunavon, RM of White Valley No. 49, RM of Grassy Creek No. 78, RM of Arlington No. 79 and RM of Bone Creek No. 108.

In addition to her many duties in operation of a busy regional landfill, Manager Kylie Entem and her team have been planting trees and perennial plants. This year alone, 450 trees were planted: chokecherries, lilacs and poplars. Perennial gardens were also created. A pond to collect water from the site and nourish the trees was also built along with tanks to collect rainwater from the building roofs. Kylie says, "Just because it is a dump, that doesn't mean it has to look or smell like one" and the community certainly agrees!

Heritage Recognition Award

Craik for their Communities in Bloom Peace Pole Project

The Craik Communities in Bloom Peace Pole Project was created in response to information brought back by committee chairperson Glenn Hymers from Dunedin, Florida, where he saw a peace pole in a downtown park during a visit to the area. The Craik CiB committee subsequently supported the concept and decided to create its own set of three peace poles for the Craik community. A plan was forged - community representatives of various ethnic and linguistic backgrounds, both historic and recent, were invited to participate by submitting a translation of the central peace pole message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" and then apply the translation to one of the 11 available sides of the three peace poles. Ultimately, the following languages including Braille now appear on the Craik community peace poles - Plains Cree, Thai, Korean, Spanish, Filipino, French, German, Afrikaans, Ukrainian, Swedish and English.

These languages reflect the community's long heritage of European immigration and associated ethnic and linguistic diversity as well as the current ethnic and linguistic diversity characterizing many small communities in the province. The peace poles and associated information panels were installed in Cornerstone Park, a central location in the downtown core and the students of Craik School also created their own peace pole just outside the school's main entrance. The Peace Pole has become the iconic symbol for the universal message "May Peace Prevail on Earth". The Craik CiB committee believes it has



provided a way for community citizens including school students to consider this important message as well as reflect on the community's historic and current diversity.

Volunteer Recognition Award

*The Old Coronach Street Festival Committee in Coronach
and*

The McNaughton High School's Environmental Science Class in Moosomin

Communities in Bloom would not exist without dedicated volunteers. This year, two separate groups from two different CiB communities are being recognized. Both have had a great impact at their communities. Thank you for your dedication and volunteer efforts!

The Old Coronach Street Festival Committee in Coronach

The Old Coronach Street Festival Committee (OCSF) consists of four individuals who organize an annual one-day event filled with family fun, entertainment, a car show, a vendor market, and more. The goal is to always raise enough sponsorship to cover the expenses of the event and any proceeds the event makes go into beautification projects in the community.

Through the proceeds they have raised, within the last three years, the committee has completed four large murals and purchased six large self-watering pots. The murals have greatly enhanced the downtown as well as the museum and the flowerpots have been placed at the main downtown intersection and near the statue of Coronach the Racehorse. The community is lucky to have this group going above and beyond in helping the community look great!

The McNaughton High School's Environmental Science Class in Moosomin

The environmental science class at McNaughton High School assisted with many Communities in Bloom projects over the course of May-June. They planted trees at Bradley Park as part of the 1,000 tree strategy and also planted memorial trees at the Labyrinth. The group helped with clean-up at the Lake, planted flowers at Dr. Davidson Park, and helped with odd jobs everywhere such as cleaning up deadfall, painting, and landscaping.

The Communities in Bloom committee is very thankful for their help and participation as most of these projects could not have been completed without their assistance.

Community Spirit Award

Saskatchewan Beach for Communities in Bloom Activities and Excitement of Residents

Communities in Bloom continues to make Saskatchewan Beach a beautiful place to be! CiB activities have captured the excitement of the community with most residents embracing the national theme colour of purple in 2023. CiB ran a flower pot competition again in 2023 with almost all the entries featuring purple displays and awards prizes to the top three! Winners were selected by secret ballots cast by the residents themselves! For a third year, flower pots were planted throughout the community and the popularity of the community floral displays continues to grow! Saskatchewan Beach is proud of its CiB achievements and the excitement that the program has created in the community. The community proudly displays the Communities in Bloom Flag at the village office.

Floral Displays Award

Moosomin & District Regional Park for their Floral Displays throughout the Regional Park

Moosomin & District Regional Park is a proud part of the Moosomin Communities in Bloom initiative. There are multiple flower displays throughout the regional park that people can enjoy. Most of the work done on



these displays was completed by volunteers. There are four big displays located at the entrance of the park, at the park sign, near the park store, and across from the park store. These displays feature strategically placed aspects of Saskatchewan and Canada, including a steel prairie lily, an old dock, water skis, an inuksuk, canoe, and others. The regional park embraced the Communities in Bloom colour of purple throughout these displays. Lots of blood, sweat, and tears goes into the planning and work every year to make sure that everyone in the park can enjoy these beautiful floral displays.

“Take a Shot!” Photo Contest Winners

1st Place



*Photo taken by Rosa B. Vázquez in Eastend, Saskatchewan
Capturing artists completing a mural on the side of a home along Red Coat Drive in Eastend*

Selected for its illustration of Eastend Artists at work with paint splatters, smiles and a wonderful work of art resulting in a great addition to the year-round beauty of Eastend.

2nd Place



*Photo taken by Gwen Eyre in Craik, Saskatchewan
Capturing children enjoying themselves in Cornerstone Park in Craik*

Selected for its recognition of how a park's blooming season can be extended into the fall season with happy smiles and a bounty of vegetables and fall colours.

3rd Place



*Photo taken by Town of Coronach (Co-credit: Canadian James Photography) in Coronach, Saskatchewan
Capturing a statue of the Town's namesake, Coronach the Racehorse, who won the Epsom Derby in England in 1926, located along Railway Avenue in Coronach*

Selected for its recognition of the Town's namesake with an interesting grouping of the statue and year-round landscape features such as the fencing and flag poles, an illustration that Coronach is a Communities in Bloom town!



Special recognition is also given to the communities of Wolseley, Kinistino and Melfort that represented Saskatchewan in the 2023 National Communities in Bloom Edition. The following communities' achievements were recognized, and the National Communities in Bloom Competition Results were recently announced at the **2023 CiB National Symposium on Parks and Grounds & National & International Awards Ceremonies** on September 27 to October 1, 2023 in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo, Alberta.

- Wolseley received a rating of 5 Blooms – Bronze with special recognition for Heritage Conservation
- Kinistino received a rating of 5 Blooms – Bronze with special recognition for Recycled Tire Material – Playground and Walkway Surfaces and was also the winner of the Teck *Community Appearance Award*
- Melfort participated in the Circle of Excellence – non-evaluated

Results of the national and international program can also be viewed at:

<https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/wp-content/uploads//2023/10/2023-National-International-Results-EN.pdf>

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