

2023 CiB Awards Results

On September 30th, the 29th Edition of the Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo, Alberta, honouring municipalities across Canada, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia and South Korea.

Communities in Bloom is a volunteer and partnership-driven organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement, and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by nurturing environmental sustainability, enhancements of green spaces, and heritage conservation, in cultural and natural environments encompassing municipal, residential, commercial, and institutional spaces.

Communities in Bloom National Chairperson, Susan Ellis said, "On behalf of our national Board of Directors, our volunteer judges, sponsors, and partners, I sincerely thank and congratulate all of the communities that have participated in the CiB provincial, national, and international programs this year. The past few years have tested our strength and resilience, as we have faced a global pandemic, and numerous extreme weather events. Together we have persevered and emerged stronger and more determined in 2023, as we make new and lasting contributions to the places in which we live, work, and play by making them healthier and more livable.

We also recognize all of the award winners and the community volunteers at this time each year. We have again witnessed their continuous improvements, and once more have raised the bar with their efforts to improve and enhance the green spaces, neighbourhoods, parks, and commercial areas of their hometowns across Canada and beyond. Our communities recognize the need to nurture and protect our environment and create new ways to help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Thank you all for your time, energy, and efforts that you have contributed to Communities in Bloom and for helping us all to thrive as we continue "Growing Great Places Together"!

National & International Award Winners

Up to 20,000:	City of Cold Lake, AB
International Challenge (Small):	Commune di Sorradile, Sardinia, Italy
International Challenge (Medium):	Ennis Town, County Clare, Ireland
International Challenge (Large):	Sejong City, Republic of Korea
Class of Champions (Small):	City of Trail, BC

Outstanding Achievement Awards Winners

Teck Community Appearance Award:	Kinistino, SK
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Environmental Action Award:	Coquitlam, BC
Communities in Bloom Heritage Conservation Award:	Castlegar, BC
Communities in Bloom Tree Management Award:	Coquitlam, BC
National Capital Commission Plant & Floral Displays Award:	Wood Buffalo, AB
Scotts Community of Gardeners Award:	Brandon, MB
Communities in Bloom Community Involvement Award:	Bruderheim, AB
Municipal World WinterLife Award:	Stratford, ON
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Green Cities Award :	Strathcona County, AB
Nutrients for Life School Garden Award:	Norman G Powers Public School, ON
Equinox & Scotts Canada Plants Love You Contest 1st place winner :	Trail, BC
Equinox & Scotts Canada Plants Love You Contest 2nd place winner :	Sussex, NB
Equinox & Scotts Canada Plants Love You Contest 3rd place winner :	Coquitlam, BC
Ball International Plant and Floral Displays Award:	Monfalcone, Gorizia, Italy
Communities in Bloom International Community Involvement Award:	Sejong City, Republic of Korea
Communities in Bloom International Sustainable Tourism Award :	Občina Podčetrtek, Slovenia
Communities in Bloom Best Downtown Area Award:	Downtown Oakville Business Association, ON

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Category	Rating	Special Mention / Recognition
Up to 20,000		
City of Cold Lake, AB	5 Blooms - Silver	Kinosoo Beach Enhancement Project
Chipman, NB	4 Blooms	Chipman Community Care Centre
Town of Provost, AB	5 Blooms - Bronze	Johnson Bluebird Trail
Town of Wolseley, SK	5 Blooms - Bronze	Heritage Conservation
International Challenge (Small)		
Comune di Sorradile, Sardinia, Italy	5 Blooms – Gold	Authentic Village of Italy
Sussex, NB	5 Blooms - Silver	Creating Significant Partnerships
Občina Podčetrtek, Slovenia	5 Blooms - Silver	Cooperation in the Interest of Tourism
International Challenge (Medium)		
Ennis Town, County Clare, Ireland	5 Blooms – Gold	Pollinator Friendly Gardens
Brooks Regional, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Kinetic Wind Sculptures
Comune di Monfalcone, Gorizia, Italy	5 Blooms – Silver	Floral Displays
International Challenge (Large)		
Sejong City, Republic of Korea	5 Blooms – Silver	Jochiwon Cultural Garden – Regeneration of the old water purification plant
Class of Champions (Small)		
City of Trail, BC	5 Blooms – Silver	Restoration of Columbia River Bank
Town of Bruderheim, AB	5 Blooms – Bronze	Regional Environmental Action Plan
Town of Kinistino, SK	5 Blooms – Bronze	Recycled Tire Material – Playground and Walkway Surfaces
Circle of Excellence Evaluated (non-competitive)		
City of Barrie, ON	5 Blooms – Gold	Plants and Floral Displays
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5 Blooms – Bronze	Kenneth W. Jerrett Memorial Park
City of Castlegar, BC	5 Blooms – Bronze	Silva Cell Modular System for Enhancing Urban Tree Growth
City of Coquitlam, BC	5 Blooms – Gold	ILCS - “Immigrant Link Centre Society”
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5 Blooms – Silver	Wayfinding Signage
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5 Blooms – Gold	YACRO, Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options

***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

Circle of Excellence – Non valuated

City of Brandon, MB	Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON	Ville de Rosemère, QC
City of Charlottetown, PE	City of Leduc, AB	Town of Stonewall, MB
City of Dauphin, MB	City of Melfort, SK	City of Stratford, ON
Village of Forestburg, AB	Town of Millet, AB	Strathcona County, AB
Town of Gibbons, AB	City of Oshawa, ON	Town of Stettler, AB
Town of Kingsville, ON	Village of Pugwash, NS	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB

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Thank you to our Volunteer National & International Judges

Andrea Bocsi	John Lohuis
Anthony O'Neill	Larry Hall
Alain Cappelle	Martin Quinn
Berta Briggs	Susan Ellis
Colleen Stockford	Tina Liu

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