



2008 NATIONAL EDITION

On September 20th, City of Lethbridge, Alberta hosted the 14th Edition of the Communities in Bloom National Awards Ceremony, honouring municipalities from Canada, the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland and Japan. 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.

National Chairman Ted Blowes and President Raymond Carrière, on behalf of the National Committee, Judges, and Sponsors, sincerely thank all the communities for their involvement in the program.

Within the actual context of global warming and environmental challenges, all can rightfully and proudly state that, through the efforts of all those involved in their communities, they are actually contributing to the solutions.

National Award Winners

1 to 1 000:	Muskoka Lakes – Port Carling, Ontario	1,001 to 3,000:	Calmar, Alberta
3,001 to 5,000:	Antigonish, Nova Scotia	5,001 to 8,000:	Goderich, Ontario
8,001 to 10,000:	Dauphin, Manitoba	10,001 to 13,000:	Ingersoll, Ontario
13,001 to 20,000:	White Rock, British Columbia	20,001 to 55,000:	Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Québec
55,001 to 155,000:	Barrie, Ontario	Over 300,001	Mississauga, Ontario
Canadian Forces:	4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta		

International Challenge

Brampton, Ontario in the Large category, **Stratford, Ontario** in the Medium category, and **Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia** in the Small category were the winners in the International Challenge categories. In this category winners of Communities in Bloom compete with past winners of Tidy Towns of Ireland, Britain in Bloom, America in Bloom and Japan in Bloom.

Best Blooming Community and Criteria Awards

The Best Blooming Community in Canada is awarded to **Stratford, Ontario** for achieving the highest aggregate score in both the WinterLights Celebrations and the Communities in Bloom programs for 2008

The Criteria Awards are given to communities who illustrate themselves in one of the following evaluation criteria:

Canada Lands Company Sustainable Development Award:	Langford, British Columbia
Scotts Best Community of Gardeners Award:	Kawartha Lakes, Ontario
Home Hardware Community Involvement Award:	Brooks, Alberta
Scotts Turf Builder Turf and Groundcovers Award:	Ocala, Florida
National Capital Commission Floral Displays Award:	Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Québec
Waste Management Environmental Awareness Award:	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Communities in Bloom Youth Involvement Award:	Peterborough, Ontario
Tree Canada Urban Forestry Award:	Calmar, Alberta
Communities in Bloom Heritage Conservation Award:	Millet, Alberta
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Award:	Huntsville, Ontario
Communities in Bloom Tidiness Award:	London, Ontario

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Congratulations to all finalists of the 14th National Edition of Communities in Bloom
Thank you to our sponsors and partners for their contribution to the quality of life in communities

Canada Lands Company
Home Hardware ♦ Scotts ♦ Waste Management
National Capital Commission ♦ Zaunscherb Marketing ♦ CN Tower ♦ Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia
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♦ Tree Canada ♦ Canadian Composting Council of Canada

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Over 300,001

City of Mississauga, ON

City of Edmonton, AB
Halifax Regional Municipality, NS
City of London, ON

5 Blooms

5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms

Community Involvement

Capital City Clean-up Program
Good Neighbours-Great Neighbourhoods Program
Legacy Program

55,001 – 150,000

City of Barrie, ON

Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON
City of Kawartha Lakes, ON
City of Peterborough, ON
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB

5 Blooms

5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms

Barrie Sports Park

Student Summer Staff
Community of Gardeners
Youth Involvement
“Placemaking” Landscape Design

20,001 – 55,000

Ville de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC

City of Brandon, MB
City of Grande Prairie, AB
City of Langford, BC
City of Lloydminster, AB/SK
Westside District Municipality, BC

5 Blooms

5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms

Floral Displays

Tree Inventory Program
Youth Involvement
Sustainable Development
Parks System and Recreation Amenities
Sports Field Turf Management

13,001 – 20,000

City of White Rock, BC

City of Brooks, AB
Town of Huntsville, ON
Township of King, ON
City of Leduc, AB
City of Summerside, PE

5 Blooms

5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms

Green Waste and Composting Program

Community Involvement
Murals Depicting Group of Seven Works
Green Bin and Waste Diversion Strategy
Leduc Skatepark
Prince County Hospital Courtyard Gardens

10,001 – 13,000

Town of Ingersoll, ON

Municipality of Central Elgin, ON
City of Cold Lake, AB
Town of Gravenhurst, ON

5 Blooms

5 Blooms
4 Blooms
5 Blooms

Corporate Partnerships

Adoption of Blue Flag Program
Tidiness Effort
Uptown Revitalization & Branding

8,001 – 10,000

City of Dauphin, MB

Town of Amherst, NS
Town of Hinton, AB
Town of Minto, ON
Town of New Glasgow, NS
City of Weyburn, SK
City of Winkler, MB

5 Blooms

4 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms
5 Blooms

Preservation of Cultural History

Downtown Revitalization
Innovista Eco-Industrial Park
Adopt-a-Bed Program
The ‘Flourishing’ of New Glasgow
Well Managed Urban Forest
Mennonite Central Committee Community Store



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5,001 – 8,000

Town of Goderich, ON

City of Castlegar, BC
 Town of Coaldale, AB
 City of Merritt, BC
 Town of Sackville, NB
 Town of Stettler, AB

5 Blooms

4 Blooms
 4 Blooms
 5 Blooms
 5 Blooms
 5 Blooms

The beach

Quality of Life
 Coaldale Regional Hospital Therapeutic Garden
 Spring Garden Forums
 Vibrant Downtown Business District
 Millennium Rotary Park

3,001 – 5,000

Town of Antigonish, NS

District of Chetwynd, BC
 Village of New Maryland, NB
 Town of Pincher Creek, AB
 Town of Vermilion, AB

5 Blooms

4 Blooms
 4 Blooms
 5 Blooms
 5 Blooms

Highland Games

Chainsaw Sculptures
 Victoria Park and Cenotaph
 Kootenai Brown Pioneer Village
 Historical Signage

1,001 – 3,000

Town of Calmar, AB

Township of Front of Yonge, ON
 Town of Montague, PE
 Town of Souris, PE
 Town of Sundre, AB
 Town of Viking, AB
 Town of Watson Lake, YK

5 Blooms

5 Blooms
 5 Blooms
 4 Blooms
 5 Blooms
 5 Blooms
 5 Blooms

Main Street's 110 Hanging Baskets

Bird & Butterfly Garden
 Commercial Sector Landscaping
 Community Involvement
 Environmental Sustainability
 Troll Park with Scandinavian Heritage Theme
 Visitor Centre with Sign Post Forest

1 – 1,000

Township of Muskoka Lakes – Port Carling, ON

Town of Alameda, SK
 Village of Baddeck, NS
 Village of Denzil, SK
 Town of Fogo, NL
 Village of Pugwash, NS
 Town of Wawota, SK

5 Blooms

4 Blooms
 5 Blooms
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Environmental Stewardship of Lake Waters

Avenue of Shade Trees
 Bell Bay Golf Course Environmental Awareness
 People Power
 Marconi Wireless Interpretive Centre
 Friends of the Estuary
 Historic Centennial Calendar

Canadian Forces Communities in Bloom

4 Wings Cold Lake, AB

CFB Petawawa, ON
 Maritime Forces Atlantic, NS

4 Blooms

4 Blooms
 3 Blooms

Community Participation in Beautification Efforts

Variety of Well Landscaped Areas
 Landscaped Entranceways



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INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE In partnership with



Small category

Town of Annapolis Royal, NS

Village of Aughrim, Ireland
Parish of Grouville, Jersey, Channel Islands
Town of Olds, AB
City of St. Clairsville, Ohio, USA
City of Trail, BC

5 Blooms Flowers of Annapolis Royal

5 Blooms Tidy Towns Limited
5 Blooms Honorary Police
5 Blooms Community Partnerships
5 Blooms Foresight in Planning
5 Blooms The Rock Walls of Trail

Medium category

City of Stratford, ON

City of Charlottetown, PE
City of Ocala, Florida, USA
City of Parksville, BC
Ville de Rosemère, QC

5 Blooms C.A.R.E. Stratford – Youth in Action

5 Blooms 'Make Charlottetown Bloom' Celebrations
5 Blooms Veterans Memorial Park
5 Blooms Trillium Lodge Therapeutic Garden
5 Blooms Secret Gardens

Large category

City of Brampton, ON

City of Aberdeen, Scotland
City of Prince George, BC
City of Stockton-on-Tees, England
Strathcona County, AB
City of Toronto, ON

5 Blooms Front Garden Recognition Program

5 Blooms David Welch Winter Gardens
5 Blooms Quality Turf on Sport & Park Facilities
5 Blooms Cultural Quarter Improvements
5 Blooms Heritage Mile
5 Blooms The Orphan Spaces Program

International Challenge – Friends

Town of Dyce, Scotland
Edogawa City, Japan

5 Blooms The Community Garden
5 Blooms Shinsui Parks & Green Paths



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Friends – Evaluated (non-competitive)

Village of Binscarth, MB	5 Blooms	Historical Signage
Town of Boissevain, MB	5 Blooms	Heritage Preservation
Town of Carberry, MB	5 Blooms	Recycling Program
Town of Conception Bay South, NL	4 Blooms	Natural Heritage Conservation
City of Kingston, ON	5 Blooms	Cataraqui Cemetery
Town of Millet, AB	5 Blooms	Heritage Murals
Community of North Rustico, PE	4 Blooms	Boardwalk along Rustico Bay
Community of Tignish, PE	4 Blooms	Heritage Inn Gardens

Special Attractions (non-competitive)

Parc des Champs-de-Bataille, Québec, QC	5 Blooms	Community Outreach
Fundy National Park, Alma, NB	5 Blooms	Environmental Awareness
Okanagan College, Kelowna, BC	4 Blooms	Water Efficiency
SDC Vieux-Montréal, QC	5 Blooms	Civic Action
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Edmonton, AB	5 Blooms	Heritage Restoration of Buildings
Parks Canada Banff National Park “ Cascade Gardens “, Banff, AB		

Friends (non-competitive)

Town of Aylmer, ON	Town of Lacombe, AB	City of Quesnel, BC
Town of Battleford, SK	City of Langley, BC	City of Saint John NB
City of Brockville, ON	Town of Lashburn, SK	District of Summerland, BC
Town of Fort Erie ON	City of Lethbridge, AB	Village of Tiverton ON
City of Fort St. John, BC	Manulife Financial, Toronto, ON	Town of Tofield, AB
Town of Gibbons, AB	City of Medicine Hat, AB	City of Vaughan ON
Town of Grand Falls-Windsor NL	City of Miramichi NB	Town of Virden, MB
Town of Hampton NB	Town of Mundare, AB	Ville de Westmount QC
City of Kamloops, BC	Town of Neepawa, MB	City of Wetaskiwin, AB
City of Kelowna, BC	City of Oshawa ON	Town of Whitby ON
City of Kenora ON	City of Pembroke ON	City of Williams Lake, BC
Municipality of Kincardine ON	Town of Petrolia ON	City of Winnipeg, MB

Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

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COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS A CANADIAN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO FOSTERING CIVIC PRIDE, ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, BEAUTIFICATION AND TO IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND THE CHALLENGE OF A NATIONAL PROGRAM.

"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 more than 500 communities across the country and an international challenge involving communities from the United States, Japan 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 Awareness, Community Involvement, Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, and Turf & Groundcovers.

Benefits. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities all over 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 such as the Gardens at the CN Tower and the VIA Rail Garden Route.

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.

A winter edition – **WinterLights Celebrations** – was created in 2001, featuring overall community efforts in the following categories: Winter Pleasures, Festive Celebrations, Visual Presentation, Goodwill Program and Tourism/Promotion. The WinterLights Celebrations Symposium and Awards Ceremonies are held in February.

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.

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