



## 2009 NATIONAL EDITION

On October 3rd, the City of Vaughan, Ontario hosted the 15<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National Awards Ceremony, honouring municipalities from Canada, 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, with focus on the promotion of green spaces in urban settings.

National Chairman Ted Blowes and Raymond Carrière, Président Fondateur, 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

Up to 1 000:	<b>Grenfell, Saskatchewan</b>	1,001 to 3,000:	<b>Gibbons, Alberta</b>
3,001 to 5,000:	<b>Pincher Creek, Alberta</b>	5,001 to 8,000:	<b>Dryden, Ontario</b>
8,001 to 10,000:	<b>Minto, Ontario</b>	10,001 to 20,000:	<b>King, Ontario</b>
20,001 to 55,000:	<b>Leduc, Alberta</b>	55,001 to 150,000:	<b>Kamloops, British Columbia</b>
Over 300,000:	<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b>	Canadian Forces:	<b>CFB Petawawa, Ontario</b>

### International Challenge

**Strathcona County, Alberta**, in the Large category and **Goderich, Ontario**, in the Small category were the winners in the International Challenge, a competition of winners of national programs.

### Best Blooming Community

The Best Blooming Community in Canada is awarded to **Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island**, for achieving the highest aggregate score in both the WinterLights Celebrations and the Communities in Bloom programs for this year.

### Criteria Awards

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

Canada Lands Company Sustainable Development Award:	Olds, Alberta
Home Hardware Community Involvement Award:	Campbell River, British Columbia
Scotts Best Community of Gardeners Award:	Antigonish, Nova Scotia
National Capital Commission Floral Displays Award:	Neepawa, Manitoba
Scotts Turf Builder Turf and Groundcovers Award:	Oshawa, Ontario
Waste Management Environmental Awareness Award:	Kawartha Lakes, Ontario
Communities in Bloom Youth Involvement Award:	Chapelfield – Norwich, Norfolk, United Kingdom
Tree Canada Urban Forestry Award:	Lethbridge, Alberta
Communities in Bloom Heritage Conservation Award:	Goderich, Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Award:	Wood Buffalo, Alberta
Communities in Bloom Tidiness Award:	Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Ontario
The Butchart Gardens Best Land Reclamation Award:	Piazza Colombo – Trail, British Columbia

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Congratulations to all finalists of the 15th 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  
Eco Sense ♦ Miracle-Gro ♦ Ball Horticultural Company ♦ Urban Fertilizer Council  
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association ♦ Municipal World ♦ VIA Rail Canada  
Canadian Parks and Recreation Association ♦ Lifestyle Information Network  
Tree Canada ♦ Canadian Composting Council of Canada





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### Over 300,000

#### City of Edmonton, AB

Halifax Regional Municipality, NS  
City of London, ON

#### 5 Blooms “Front Yards in Bloom”

5 Blooms Navigator Project  
5 Blooms London Tree Trunk Sculptures Tour

### 55,001 – 150,000

#### City of Kamloops, BC

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

#### 5 Blooms McArthur Island Park and Sports Facilities

5 Blooms Empowerment of Community Members  
5 Blooms Interconnected Heritage Destinations and Waterways  
5 Blooms Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden Tree Management Influence  
5 Blooms Quality of the Municipal Floral Program  
5 Blooms Marine Park Museum and Transportation Heritage

### 20,001 – 55,000

#### City of Leduc AB

City of Campbell River, BC  
City of Corner Brook, NL  
Town of Fort Erie, ON  
District of West Kelowna, BC

#### 5 Blooms Community Connectivity and Well-Being

5 Blooms Volunteer Effort - Conservation and Community Culture  
4 Blooms Corner Brook Stream Trail System Conservation Efforts  
5 Blooms Recognizing Community Participation in Floral Displays  
5 Blooms Community Resiliency and Cooperation

### 10,001 – 20,000

#### Township of King, ON

City of Brooks, AB  
City of Fort St. John, BC  
Town of Gravenhurst, ON  
Town of Huntsville, ON  
City of Miramichi, NB  
District of Summerland, BC  
City of Wetaskawin, AB

#### 5 Blooms Conservation of Farmland and Old Growth Forests

5 Blooms Murals Program  
5 Blooms Healthy Living Recreational Facilities  
5 Blooms Shoreline Restoration at the Wharf  
5 Blooms Standards for Municipal Sustainable Development  
5 Blooms Miramichi Landings  
5 Blooms Natural Habitat Heritage Conservation  
5 Blooms State of the Art Heritage Attractions

### 8,001 – 10,000

#### Town of Minto, ON

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

#### 5 Blooms Trail Linkages

4 Blooms Cultural and Heritage Festivals  
5 Blooms “Volunteer, Visualize, Vitalize”  
5 Blooms Communities in Bloom Strategic Planning  
5 Blooms Adopted Downtown Planters  
5 Blooms Municipal Composting Program

### 5,001 – 8,000

#### City of Dryden, ON

City of Castlegar, BC  
Town of Stettler, AB  
Town of Yarmouth, NS

#### 5 Blooms “Dryden Blooms!”

4 Blooms Sculpture Walk  
5 Blooms Trail System  
4 Blooms “Blooms by the Sea”



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### 3,001 – 5,000

#### Town of Pincher Creek, AB

District of Chetwynd, BC  
Town of Kindersley, SK  
Town of Vermilion, AB

**5 Blooms** Kootenai Brown Museum and Historical Park  
Community Garden and Tree Nursery  
**4 Blooms** “Bridges 2009”  
**4 Blooms** Restoration of the Cemetery  
**5 Blooms** Celebrating 50 years of Fire Response Training

### 1,001 – 3,000

#### Town of Gibbons, AB

Village of Ashcroft, BC  
Town of Indian Head, SK  
Town of Montague, PEI  
Town of Souris, PEI  
Town of Watson Lake, YK

**5 Blooms** Heritage Tea for Senior Citizens  
**5 Blooms** United Efforts to Make the Village Sparkle  
**4 Blooms** Volunteer Contributions to the Town  
**5 Blooms** Shoreline Protection in the River Park  
**5 Blooms** Renovation of Main Street  
**5 Blooms** Waste Heat Recovery Program

### Up to 1,000

#### Town of Grenfell, SK

Village of Baddeck  
Town of Fogo, NL  
Village of Tatamagouche, NS

**5 Blooms** Total Community Engagement  
**5 Blooms** “Flight of the Silver Dart”  
**5 Blooms** Restoration of Stages and Stores  
**4 Blooms** Sunflower Spirit

### Canadian Forces Communities in Bloom

#### CFB Petawawa, ON

4 Wing Cold Lake, AB  
MARLANT – Maritime Forces Atlantic, Halifax, NS  
CFB Suffield, AB

**4 Blooms** Neat & Tidy – Army Precision!  
N/A Circle of Excellence  
**4 Blooms** Community Outreach  
**4 Blooms** CFB Suffield Green Plan

### INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

#### Small Category

##### Town of Goderich, ON

Town of Aylmer, ON  
Village of Dyce, Scotland  
Town of Hampton, NB  
Town of Olds, AB  
City of Trail, BC  
Town of Westport, Ireland  
City of White Rock, BC

**5 Blooms** Community Involvement in Floral Displays  
**5 Blooms** Functional Landscaping  
**5 Blooms** Volunteer Involvement in Floral Baskets  
**5 Blooms** Lovingly Tended Flower Beds  
**5 Blooms** Respect for Water  
**5 Blooms** Volunteer Planting of Floral Displays  
**5 Blooms** Community Effort for Tidiness  
**5 Blooms** Beautiful Marine Drive

#### Large Category

##### Strathcona County, AB

City of Aberdeen, Scotland  
City of Charlottetown, PEI  
Edogawa City, Japan

**5 Blooms** Emerald Hills Partnership Initiative  
**5 Blooms** Business Sector Contribution to Floral Displays  
**5 Blooms** Expansion of “Adopt a Corner”  
**5 Blooms** Environmental Stewardship

#### Friends

Minatozaka Community, Shingu-machi, Japan  
Chapelfield – Norwich, Norfolk, UK

**5 Blooms** Volunteer Sidewalk Flower Beds  
**5 Blooms** Restoration and Re-use of Guildhall



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

Town of Antigonish, NS	5 Blooms	Main Street Florals
Town of Athabasca, AB	5 Blooms	Floral Displays - Outstanding Baskets and Barrels
City of Barrie, ON	5 Blooms	Kidd's Creek Restoration
Town of Boissevain, MB	5 Blooms	Adopted Floral Displays
City of Medicine Hat, AB	5 Blooms	Community Effort in Floral Program
Town of Millet, AB	5 Blooms	"Millet in Bloom" Museum Archives
Town of Neepawa, MB	5 Blooms	Trails and Linkages
City of Oshawa, ON	5 Blooms	Leadership in Turf & Groundcover Management
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5 Blooms	Environmental Promotion
City of Summerside, PEI	5 Blooms	The Baywalk

### Special Attractions (non-competitive)

Fundy National Park, Alma, NB	5 Blooms	Dickson Brook Restoration Project
Reford Gardens, Grand-Métis, QC	5 Blooms	Leadership in Horticulture Promotion and Awareness
Jardin du Gouverneur, Musée du Château Ramezay, Montréal, QC	N/A	Non Evaluated
Manulife Financial, Toronto, ON	5 Blooms	Innovation in Garden Bed Rejuvenation
Okanagan College, Kelowna, BC	5 Blooms	Sustainable Campus Vision
Parc des Champs-de-Bataille, Québec, QC	5 Blooms	Exceptional Innovation : Info-Plant Terminal
SDC Vieux-Montréal, QC	5 Blooms	Place De La Dauversière
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Edmonton, AB	5 Blooms	Red Fife Wheat Growing and Milling

### Circle of Excellence – Non Evaluated (non-competitive)

City of Brampton, ON	Township of Muskoka Lakes - Port Carling, ON	City of Toronto, ON
City of Brandon, MB	City of Parksville, BC	City of Vaughan, ON
City of Dauphin, MB	City of Pembroke, ON	Town of Viking, AB
Town of Ingersoll, ON	City of Prince George, BC	Town of Virden, MB
Town of Kincairdine, ON	Town of Qualicum Beach, BC	Ville de Westmount, QC
City of Kingston, ON	City of Quesnel, BC	Town of Whitby, ON
City of Langley, BC	Ville de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC	City of Williams Lake, BC
City of Mississauga, ON	City of Saint John, NB	City of Winnipeg, MB
Metro Moncton, NB	City of Stratford, ON	City of Woodstock, ON
Town of Mundare, AB	Village of Tiverton, ON	

### Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

Evelyn Alemanni, Escondido, California USA	Dave Hilton, Kamloops, British Columbia
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*“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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