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On October 30<sup>th</sup>, Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National Awards Ceremony, honouring municipalities from Canada, Belgium, England, Scotland, the Czech Republic, the United States of America, and Japan. The Nova Scotia Provincial Awards were held at the same occasion.

National Chairman Ted Blowes and Raymond Carrière, Founding President – on behalf of the National Committee, Judges, and Sponsors – sincerely thank and congratulate all the communities for their involvement in the program. “Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, they can all be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions that benefit all of society.”

### National Award Winners

1 to 1,000:	<b>Fogo</b> , Newfoundland & Labrador	10,001 to 20,000:	<b>Rosemère</b> , Québec
1 to 1,000:	<b>Forestburg</b> , Alberta	20,001 to 50,000:	<b>Westmount</b> , Québec
1,001 to 3,000:	<b>Assiniboia</b> , Saskatchewan	50,001 to 150,000:	<b>Chatham-Kent</b> , Ontario
3,001 to 7,500:	<b>Vermilion</b> , Alberta	Canadian Forces:	<b>CFB Suffield</b> , Alberta
7,501 to 10,000:	<b>Trail</b> , British Columbia		

### International Challenge

**Zlin, Czech Republic**, in the Large population category, and **Warwick, New York, USA**, in the Small population category, were the winners in the International Challenge, a competition between winners of various national programs.

### Best Blooming Community

The 2010 ‘Best Blooming Community in Canada’ designation goes to the **City of Kamloops, British Columbia** for achieving the highest aggregate score in both the *Communities in Bloom* and *WinterLights Celebrations* programs this year.

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

Canada Lands Company <i>Sustainable Development</i> Award:	<b>Strathcona County</b> , Alberta
Home Hardware <i>Community Involvement</i> Award:	<b>Pincher Creek</b> , Alberta
Waste Management <i>Environmental Action</i> Award:	<b>Whitby</b> , Ontario
Scotts <i>Best Community of Gardeners</i> Award:	<b>New Glasgow</b> , Nova Scotia
National Capital Commission <i>Floral Displays</i> Award:	<b>Brampton</b> , Ontario
Beauti-Tone <i>Heritage Conservation</i> Award:	<b>Yarmouth</b> , Nova Scotia
Scotts Turf Builder <i>Turf and Groundcovers</i> Award:	<b>RM Wood Buffalo</b> , Alberta
Communities in Bloom Foundation <i>Youth Involvement</i> Award:	<b>CFB Petawawa</b> , Ontario
Tree Canada <i>Urban Forestry</i> Award:	<b>Kamloops</b> , British Columbia
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association <i>Landscape</i> Award:	<b>Stettler</b> , Alberta
Communities in Bloom <i>Tidiness</i> Award:	<b>Edmonton</b> , Alberta
The Butchart Gardens <i>Best Land Reclamation</i> Award:	<b>Waterfront Park, Pembroke</b> , Ontario

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CATEGORY	RATING	SPECIAL MENTION /RECOGNITION
<b>50 001 – 150,000</b>		
<b>Municipality of Chatham-Kent, ON</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Heritage Conservation</b>
City of Kawartha Lakes, ON	5 Blooms	Floral & Stone Signature Landscape
City of Medicine Hat, AB	5 Blooms	Landscape Features
Town of Whitby, ON	5 Blooms	Environmental Action
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB	5 Blooms	Sustainable Community Development
<b>20,001 – 50,000</b>		
<b>Ville de Westmount, QC</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Sustainable Development Program</b>
City of Campbell River, BC	5 Blooms	Maritime Heritage Centre
Town of Essex, ON	5 Blooms	Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village
District of Mission, BC	5 Blooms	Municipal Forest
District of West Kelowna & Westbank First Nation, BC	5 Blooms	Gellatly Nut Farm Regional Park
<b>10,001 – 20,000</b>		
<b>Ville de Rosemère, QC</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Alexandre Bilodeau Park</b>
City of Brooks, AB	5 Blooms	Centennial Celebration
City of Fort St. John, BC	5 Blooms	Formal Garden
Town of Gravenhurst, ON	5 Blooms	Centennial Centre Expansion
City of Summerside, PE	5 Blooms	Rotary Friendship Park
City of Wetaskiwin, AB	5 Blooms	City Hall Renovation
<b>7,501 – 10,000</b>		
<b>City of Trail, BC</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Historic Mural Project</b>
Town of Amherst, NS	5 Blooms	Elm Wood Carvings
Town of Hinton, AB	5 Blooms	Discovery Camp
Town of New Glasgow, NS	5 Blooms	Volunteer Involvement in Tidiness
Town of Whitecourt, AB	5 Blooms	Waste Transfer Station
City of Weyburn, SK	5 Blooms	Bloomin' School Program
City of Winkler, MB	5 Blooms	Bethel Heritage Park
<b>3,001 – 7,500</b>		
<b>Town of Vermilion, AB</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Streetscape Project</b>
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	4 Blooms	Shoreline Heritage Walk
City of Castlegar, BC	5 Blooms	Positive Community Partnerships
District of Chetwynd, BC	5 Blooms	Vibrant Floral Displays
City of Humboldt, SK	4 Blooms	Comprehensive Landscape Plans
Town of Kindersley, SK	4 Blooms	World Class Sportsfields
Town of Stettler, AB	5 Blooms	Natural Landscaping Theme
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5 Blooms	Reverence for Heritage
Town of Windsor, NS	4 Blooms	Dramatic Metal Sculptures

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<b>1,001 – 3,000</b>		
<b>Town of Assiniboia, SK</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Central Park</b>
Town of Arborg, MB	5 Blooms	Trail System
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5 Blooms	Heritage Preservation
Dawson City, YT	5 Blooms	Community Garden
Town of Kamsack, SK	5 Blooms	Beautiful Parks
Town of Montague, PE	5 Blooms	Garden of the Gulf Museum
Ville de Notre-Dame-du-Lac, QC	5 Blooms	Garden City
Town of Souris, PE	5 Blooms	Lighthouse Restoration
Town of Watson Lake, YT	5 Blooms	Volunteer Appreciation
<b>1 - 1,000</b>		
<b>Town of Fogo, NL</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Natural and Cultural Heritage</b>
<b>Village of Forestburg, AB</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Outstanding Volunteer Gardeners</b>
Village of Bittern Lake, AB	5 Blooms	Diversity of Urban Forest
Glen Morris – Brant County, ON	5 Blooms	Urban Forestry
Town of Lashburn, SK	4 Blooms	Wrought Iron Historic Sculptures
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	4 Blooms	Mercantile Café Restoration
<b>Canadian Forces Communities in Bloom</b>		
<b>CFB Suffield, AB</b>	<b>4 Blooms</b>	<b>Canada's Largest Natural Green Parade Square</b>
4 Wing Cold Lake, AB	4 Blooms	Enhanced Base Entranceway
CFB Kingston, ON	4 Blooms	Sports Fields Maintenance
MARLANT – Maritime Forces Atlantic, Halifax, NS	4 Blooms	Remediation of a Coastal Wetland
CFB Petawawa, ON - <i>Circle of Excellence</i>	4 Blooms	Memorial Park and Forest
<b>INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE</b>		
<b>Large Category</b>		
<b>City of Zlin, Czech Republic</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Forest Park</b>
City of Barrie, ON	5 Blooms	Floral Display Program
City of Charlottetown, PE	5 Blooms	Victoria Park Urban Forest Restoration
Kunitachi City, Japan	5 Blooms	The Friendship Garden at Fujimidai
City of Leduc, AB	5 Blooms	Healthy Living - Outdoor Recreational Activities
Town of Wisbech, England, UK	5 Blooms	'Our Place' Project
<b>Small Category</b>		
<b>Village of Warwick, NY, USA</b>	<b>5 Blooms</b>	<b>Operation Clean Sweep</b>
Town of Aylmer, ON	5 Blooms	Youth Environmental Leadership Program
Town of Boissevain, MB	5 Blooms	Adopt-a-Spot Program
Town of Hampton, NB	5 Blooms	Hampton High School Memoria Military Heritage Project
City of Nieuwpoort, Belgium	5 Blooms	City Wide Pedestrian/Bike Promenade
City of Pembroke, ON	5 Blooms	Waterfront Park
Town of Pitlochry, Scotland, UK	5 Blooms	Dramatic Use of Flowers
City of Quesnel, BC	5 Blooms	Restoration of Historical "Fraser River Footbridge"

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<b>Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)</b>		
Town of Antigonish, NS	5 Blooms	Celtic Community Homes
City of Dauphin, MB	5 Blooms	Floral Displays
City of Edmonton, AB	5 Blooms	Great Neighbourhoods Program
Town of Goderich, ON	5 Blooms	Waterfront Development
City of Kamloops, BC	5 Blooms	Community Gardens Expansion Program
Metro Moncton, NB	5 Blooms	Promotion of Active Transportation
Town of Millet, AB	5 Blooms	Floral Displays on Main Street
Town of Neepawa, MB	5 Blooms	Partnerships with Business
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5 Blooms	Community Tidiness
City of Saint John, NB	5 Blooms	Rockwood Park Redevelopment Plan
Strathcona County, AB	5 Blooms	Cooperative Efforts of all Sectors
City of Vaughan, ON	5 Blooms	'Downtown Vaughan' Development
<b>Special Attractions (non-competitive)</b>		
Kingsbrae Gardens, Saint Andrews, NB	5 Blooms	Diversity of Gardening Styles
Jardins de Métis   Reford Gardens, Grand-Métis, QC	5 Blooms	Excellence in Horticultural Design and Maintenance
Jardin du Gouverneur	<i>Non evaluated</i>	
Musée de Château Ramezay, Montréal, QC		
Battlefields Park, Québec, QC	5 Blooms	Promotion of Cultural Heritage
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Edmonton, AB	5 Blooms	Authenticity of Experience
SDC Vieux – Montréal, Montréal, QC	5 Blooms	Pigeon Hole Park
<b>Circle of Excellence – Non Evaluated (non-competitive)</b>		
Town of Athabasca, AB	Ingersoll, ON	Prince George, BC
Brampton, ON	Kingston, ON	Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC
Brandon, MB	Lethbridge, AB	Stratford, ON
Dryden, ON	Minto, ON	Toronto, ON
Gibbons, AB	Olds, AB	Viking, AB
Halifax Regional Municipality, NS	Oshawa, ON	White Rock, BC

### Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

Evelyn Alemanni, Escondido, California USA	Stephen King, Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia
Jim Baird, Saint John, New Brunswick	Gérald Lajeunesse, Ottawa, Ontario
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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 hundreds of 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 Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Turf & Groundcovers, Floral Displays Community Involvement.

**Benefits.** The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across 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.

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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