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Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation Should Score Well

When the National Communities in Bloom judges tour the City of Campbell River on Friday, July 24 they will be judging the City, commercial, residential, service club, non-profit, church and school groups on their commitment to natural and cultural heritage conservation.

The judges will be reviewing heritage policies, bylaws and natural heritage management plans, preservation and restoration of buildings, homes, churches, monuments, artifacts, sites, parks, heritage gardens, trees, preservation of traditions and customs, festivals, celebrations, heritage foods and the arts.

In past competitions, we have had a traditional First Nations welcome for the judges, highlighted Campbell River festivals and celebrations in the Community Profile Binder, visited our outstanding museum and toured some of our protected natural areas such as Baikie Island and Dick Murphy Park. Recent commitments to heritage conservation by the City include the completion of a Culture and Heritage Plan, the creation of a Community Heritage Register and a Conservation Plan for the Sybil Andrews Cottage and Property.

Can you be involved? Yes! Here's how:

Businesses/ Residents/ Service Clubs, Schools, Churches, Non-Profits

- Let us know about any natural or cultural heritage events that your group is involved with
- Send photos from a heritage celebration event, an activity held to preserve traditions, the restoration of a natural area or building, or whatever you've done that fits in to this category for the Judge's Community Profile Binder to Lynn Wark, CIB Committee Staff Liaison, at lynn.wark@campbellriver.ca (by June 30)
- Offer to showcase your natural or cultural heritage activities to the judges on Tour Day (Friday, July 24) or at the Meet and Greet (Thursday, July 23)

If you are interested in helping to prepare Campbell River for the Communities in Bloom competition, please join us at the next Communities in Bloom Committee meeting.

For more information please call the City of Campbell River Parks Office at 250-286-7275.

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