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**Communities in Bloom Tour a Big Success!**

The Communities in Bloom judges have come and gone in Campbell River. It was a whirlwind tour which was very well received by the judges. Suzanne Anderton from Kelowna and Don Alberg from Qualicum Beach claimed that it was one of the best tours they have ever been given of a community! Many thanks to the hard work of the Communities in Bloom Committee and all of the volunteers involved in helping with the tour.

The weather couldn't have been better for the start of their visit, which included a zodiac tour donated by Painter's Lodge. This gave the judges an opportunity to view Campbell River from the waterfront. Following this, the judges attended a 'Meet and Greet' at the Maritime Heritage Centre and the next day toured the community for the whole day. Of particular interest to the judges were the Sybil Andrews Cottage and property, the Smart Growth Study in North Campbell River, the UV Disinfection Plant, the Baikie Island Restoration Project, the new development design standards, the city's green initiatives, the newly established Homer Dome, the Skate Park, the Museum at Campbell River, the works of the various community organizations and all of the community members they met along the tour.

The Communities in Bloom Committee would like to thank the following organizations for their support of this event: Painter's Lodge for the zodiac tour, Strathcona Toyota for lending a vehicle to tour the judges around in and Noon Hour Rotary for the highway banner welcoming the judges to town! As well, many thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted with the 'Meet and Greet' and Tour Day. You can all be proud of your accomplishments!

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