



2011 NATIONAL EDITION

On October 29th, the National Battlefields Commission hosted the 17th Edition of the Communities in Bloom National Awards Ceremony in Québec City, honouring municipalities from Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States of America, and Japan.

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National Chair Claudette Savaria – on behalf of the National Committee, Judges, and Sponsors – sincerely thanks and congratulates 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

Up to 1,500:	Denzil , Saskatchewan	10,001 to 20,000:	Summerside , Prince Edward Island
1,501 to 3,000:	Killarney-Turtle Mountain , Manitoba	20,001 to 50,000:	Campbell River , British Columbia
3,001 to 7,500:	Stettler , Alberta	Over 50,000:	London , Ontario
7,501 to 10,000:	New Glasgow , Nova Scotia	Canadian Forces	CFB Petawawa , Ontario
		Sustainable Communities:	

Circle of Champions

The City of Stratford, Ontario in the Large population category, and **The Town of Goderich, Ontario** in the Small population category, were the winners in the Circle of Champions, a category where past winners compete amongst themselves.

International Challenge

The City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island in the Large population category, and **The Village of Tallanstown, Ireland** in the Small population category, were the winners in the International Challenge, a competition between winners of various national programs.

Outstanding Achievement Awards & Special Awards

Canada Lands Company <i>Sustainable Development Award</i> :	Campbell River , British Columbia
Home Hardware <i>Community Involvement Award</i> :	Goderich , Ontario
Communities in Bloom <i>Environmental Action Award</i> :	Stettler , Alberta
Scotts <i>Best Community of Gardeners Award</i> :	Kawartha Lakes , Ontario
National Capital Commission <i>Floral Displays Award</i> :	Brandon , Manitoba
Home Hardware Beauti-Tone <i>Heritage Conservation Award</i> :	Chatham-Kent , Ontario
Scotts Turf Builder <i>Turf and Groundcovers Award</i> :	Wood Buffalo , Alberta
Communities in Bloom Foundation <i>Youth Involvement Award</i> :	Killarney-Turtle Mountain , Manitoba
Communities in Bloom <i>Urban Forestry Award</i> :	Strathcona County , Alberta
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association <i>Landscape Award</i> :	Harrison Hot Springs , British Columbia
Communities in Bloom <i>Tidiness Award</i> :	Tallanstown , Ireland
The Butchart Gardens <i>Best Land Reclamation Award</i> :	Town Square, Hampton , New Brunswick

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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 and importance of green spaces in community settings.

“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 a 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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CATEGORY	RATING	SPECIAL MENTION /RECOGNITION
Over 50,000		
City of London, ON	5	Comprehensive Recycling Programs
Ville de Granby, QC	5	Municipal Support for Public Art
City of Kawartha Lakes, ON	5	Involvement of Volunteers
City of Sarnia, ON	5	Urban Forestry Program
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB	5	Waste Management Program
20,001 – 50,000		
City of Campbell River, BC	5	Baikie Island Restoration Project
Town of Essex, ON	5	New Harrow Centre Parkette
Town of Conception Bay South, NL (non-competitive)	4	Conception Bay South Monument of Honour
District of West Kelowna & Westbank First Nation, BC	5	Waterfront Master Plan
10,001 – 20,000		
City of Summerside, PE	5	Wind farm project
City of Brooks, AB	5	Community Celebrity Clean-up
Town of Beaumont, AB	5	Continuous trails and pathways system
Cité de Dorval, QC	5	Municipal Floral Arrangements
Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON	5	Grand Bend Beach revitalization
Town of Truro, NS	5	Glooscap Heritage Centre
7,501 – 10,000		
Town of New Glasgow, NS	5	Stakeholders' Spirit of Cooperation
Town of Amherst, NS	4	Industrial Park Landscaping
City of Castlegar, BC	5	"Downtown Art Farm" Volunteer project
Town of Hinton, AB	5	Residents praise Volunteer Community Garden
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5	250th Anniversary Celebrations as a community
City of Weyburn, SK (non-competitive)	Non-Evaluated	
City of Winkler, MB	5	Outstanding volunteers of the Winkler Horticulture Society
3,001 – 7,500		
Town of Stettler AB	5	Community Gardens
Municipality of Jasper, AB	4	Student Banner Project
Town of Sussex, NB	4	O'Connell Park Rejuvenation
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	4	Visitors' Pavillion
Humboldt, SK	4	Original Humboldt Site
Town of Marystown, NL (non-competitive)	Non-Evaluated	
Town of Windsor, NS (non-competitive)	Non-Evaluated	
1,501 – 3,000		
Municipality of Killarney-Turtle Mountain, MB	5	Thematic Development
Village of Ashcroft, BC	5	Wellness awaits you in Ashcroft
District of Chetwynd, BC	5	Cooperative spirit to rebuild
Dawson City, YT	5	Riverfront Park Development
Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC	5	Restoration of Memorial Hall
Town of Montague, PE	5	Residential Yards & Gardens
Town of Unity, SK	5	CommUNITY Support & Partnership

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Up to 1,500		
Village of Denzil, SK	5	Landfill Reclamation
Glen Morris-Brant County, ON	5	Tall Grass Prairie
Town of Kinistino, SK	4	Heritage Garden
Village of Pugwash, NS	4	Community Pride in Action
Town of Souris, PE	5	Souris River Watershed Conservation Project
Community of Tignish, PE	5	Louis Mitchell Pipe Organ Restoration
Hamlet of Valhalla Centre, AB	4	The Viking Centre
Town of Watson Lake, YT (non-competitive)	Non-Evaluated	
Canadian Forces Communities in Bloom		
CFB Petawawa, ON	4	Wellness Garden
CFB Borden, ON	4	1917 Training Trenches Restoration
19 Wing Comox, BC	4	Community Garden Development
CFB Suffield, AB (Non-competitive)	4	Girl Guide Tree Planting
4 Wing Cold Lake, AB	4	Earth Day Celebration
CFB Kingston, ON	4	Residents' Involvement in Babin Park Development
MARLANT – Maritime Forces Atlantic, Halifax, NS	4	Community Involvement
Circle of Champions		
Large Category		
City of Stratford, ON	5	Shakespearean Gardens
City of Barrie, ON	5	Waterfront Park Plan
City of Fort St. John, BC	5	Edible Landscapes
City of Kingston, ON	5	Sustainability Program
Strathcona County, AB	5	New Community Centre
Small Category		
Town of Goderich, ON	5	Management of the Floral Program
City of Dauphin, MB	5	Celebration of Ukrainian Heritage
Town of Millet, AB	5	Hail Storm Clean-up
Town of Pincher Creek, AB	5	Outdoor Museums of Cultures
Town of Vermilion, AB	5	Agricultural Fair Honours Communities in Bloom
International Challenge		
Large Category		
City of Charlottetown, PE	5	Sustainability in Action
City of Arroyo Grande, California USA	5	Celebration of Community and Natural Heritage
City of Leduc, AB	5	"Green Sward"- Turf and Tidiness
Town of Lytham, England, UK	5	Environmental Awareness
City of Pembroke, ON	5	Historical Interpretation in the Community Landscape
Ville de Rosemère, QC	5	Rosemère Gardeners
Toda City, Japan	4	Flower Center
City of Westmount, QC	5	National Heritage Designation

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Small Category		
Village of Tallanstown, Ireland	5	Tidy Town Committee
City of Echo, Oregon USA	4	Gardens at Echo Hills Golf Course
Town of Boissevain, MB	5	Farmers' Market
Town of Fogo Island, NL	5	"Experience Fogo" Interpretative village
Town of Gibbons, AB	5	River Valley Trail
Town of Garstang, England, UK	5	Youth Engagement in Environmental Initiatives
Town of Hampton, NB	5	Hampton Town Square
Royal Burgh of North Berwick, Scotland, UK	5	The Bulb Walk – 1,000,000 Bulbs
City of Trail, BC	5	Shavers Bench Entrance Park
Circle of Excellence – Evaluated (non-competitive)		
City of Calgary, AB	5	Leadership of Parks Department
City of Edmonton, AB	5	Progressive Urban Forestry Strategies
City of Lethbridge, AB	5	Programs to Sustain the Urban Forest
Community of Port Carling, ON	5	Downtown Streetscape
Special Attractions (non-competitive)		
SDC Promenade Fleury, QC	4	Floral program and arrangements
Kingsbrae Gardens, Saint Andrews, NB	5	Sculpture Garden
Jardins de Métis Reford Gardens, Grand-Métis, QC	5	Integration of Art and Sculptures
Jardin du Gouverneur	Non-Evaluated	
Musée de Château Ramezay, Montréal, QC	Non-Evaluated	
Battlefields Park, Québec, QC	Non-Evaluated	
Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Edmonton, AB	5	Adherence to the vision and master plan
SDC Vieux-Montréal, QC	5	Improvement of the pedestrian environment
Circle of Excellence – Non Evaluated (non-competitive)		
Antigonish, NS	Forestburg, AB	Olds, AB
Assiniboia, SK	Halifax, NS	Oshawa, ON
Athabasca, AB	Ingersoll, ON	Quesnel, BC
Aylmer, ON	Kamloops, BC	Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, QC
Brampton, ON	Medicine Hat, AB	Saint John, NB
Brandon, MB	Metro Moncton, NB	Viking, AB
Chatham-Kent, ON	Minto, ON	Wetaskiwin, AB
	Neepawa, MB	

Thank you to our Volunteer National Judges

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The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

The dedication of our judges, staff and organizations

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