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## Kindersley Receives 4 Blooms from CIB Judges

Kindersley maintains its 4-bloom rating with Communities in Bloom (CIB), taking a break from competition in 2016 to receive adjudication only from the national community-building organization.

Judges Keith Anderson and Irene Pisula offered special recognition to the natural heritage surrounding the Motherwell Reservoir. The judges visited Kindersley from August 25-26, 2016 to conduct their evaluation. They were hosted by representatives of the local CIB Committee, which consists of several citizen volunteers and members of the Town's Department of Community Services.

Kindersley also received praise for its strong volunteer involvement, highlighting examples like the Friends of Kinsmen Park Committee, Kindersley Youth Committee, Kindersley and District Plains Museum, and Downtown Kindersley Association.

"This involvement and volunteerism is one aspect of what makes a successful community 'bloom'," the judges' evaluation states.

Participating communities are evaluated in six categories: tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, and floral displays.

Kindersley scored its highest rating in the area of heritage conservation with positive references to the cemetery, museum, and annual events like Grilledcheesapolooza and Goose Festival. The judges recommended the establishment of a Heritage Bylaw to address future use or re-development of heritage buildings.

Urban forestry was Kindersley's lowest scoring area and the judges referenced a memorial tree program, completion of the Urban Forest Bylaw and inclusion of a street tree planting program among their recommendations.

The Town of Kindersley's complete 2016 evaluation can be viewed at [www.kindersley.ca/communiites-in-bloom](http://www.kindersley.ca/communiites-in-bloom).

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