

Evaluation Form

2013

**Kindersley,
Saskatchewan**





Community: Town of Kindersley

Province: Saskatchewan

Category: 2,001- 5,000

The evaluation is based on 8 criteria, divided into the 6 following sections, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

Tidiness	108.00	/	150.00
Environmental Action	106.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	110.00	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	125.50	/	175.00
Landscape	142.00	/	200.00
Floral Displays	134.00	/	175.00
	Total		725.5 / 1000.00

Percentage : 73%

Bloom rating: 4 Blooms

Bloom rating:

Up to 55%: 1 bloom. 56% to 63%: 2 blooms. 64% to 72%: 3 blooms 73% to 81%: 4 blooms. >82%: 5 blooms.

Mention : Kindersley Columbarium (Phase 2)

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Kim Vogel **Function :** CiB Chair/Director of Community Services

Name: Joel Newling **Function :** Town Horticulturist/Parks Manager

Name: Wayne Gibson **Function :** Director of Communications

Judges

Name: Lucy Chang **Name:** Sylvie Belley

Evaluation date: 7 August, 2013

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.
Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.
The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the evaluation is based on the perception of the current judges.

SECTORS OF EVALUATION

Municipal:

- Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes
- Properties owned and run by municipality such as Museums, Historical sites

Business and Institutions:

Properties owned and managed by

- Business : commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants
- Institutions : schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (such as YMCA, Legion), private museums, government and crown corporations buildings (such as Canada Post)
- Tourism bureaus, Chamber of Commerce offices
- Farms : in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section

Residential:

- Citizens and Citizen groups acting within their own properties
- Residential property owners, rate payer groups

Community Involvement:

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it is considered in each segment of the evaluation

- Individuals & Service and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations
- Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Everywhere on billboards, entrance signs, its landmarked water tower and in promotional materials, **"Experience Our Energy"** is loudly proclaimed in Kindersley.

On August 7th 2012, the CiB judges experienced and observed this energy at work, a few of which will be highlighted here:

- A close-to-completion \$38 million multi-use facility that houses recreation, education and cultural programs and services;
- A state of the art columbarium at the cemetery – second of three phases;
- Currently underway - major road infrastructure rehabilitation and improvement including utility lines, projected to cost 76% of the Town's 2013 budget;
- An ambitious Town Square Project

The CiB Committee is working hard to re-energize itself with hopes for more volunteers to join the committee and/or participate in CiB activities. An opportunity to obtain more ideas for successful recruitment and retention of volunteers is at the annual CiB National Awards Ceremonies where communities at provincial, national and international levels network and exchange tips and techniques on CiB related activities.

Closer to home, you could solicit interest from existing non-profit groups such as the local Horticultural Society, 4-H Club, Rotary Club or seniors and the Chamber of Commerce or similar association for your CiB endeavours. It may help to have a vision for the community that calls for community wide efforts to achieve. If not already tried, competitions such as "Neighbourhood Blocks in Bloom", "Best Business Premise" or "Yard in Bloom" may be ways to motivate the community.

The vast collection of information on the Town of Kindersley was most helpful.

We would like to thank the CiB Committee and the Town for an enjoyable and hospitable visit to Kindersley.

TIDINESS

Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort. Elements for evaluation are green spaces (parks, etc.), medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots signs and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism programs.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	15	11.00
Community anti-litter awareness programs	5	3.00
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, appropriate and attractive signage	10	8.00
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)	15	11.00
Condition of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers	15	11.00
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	11.00
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	11.00
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	3.00
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	14.00
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	11.00
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)	10	7.00
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs	10	7.00
Tidiness Total	150.00	108.00

TIDINESS

Observations:

Major road and building constructions along highway 7 and the recent rain certainly have an impact on the Town's overall tidiness: the judges most certainly the challenges of such a situation.

However, away from the busy construction area, downtown Main Street and the newer residential area were tidy. Looking beyond the constructions along the industrial strip, the judges were pleased to see that some Individual business such as the Ford Motor Company takes pride on its business premise (see Floral Display).

The judges noted that the Town has two bylaws in place to enforce Town's tidiness: a bylaw on animal control and another on property maintenance and nuisance abatement.

The Town conducts an annual community spring clean-up days when residents are encouraged to drop off extra household clutter and yard wastes for free at the Waste Centre over an extended weekend. There are also community led tidiness activities – the Kindersley youth Council helps with community wide clean-up projects. Town helps with turf maintenance of the schools over the summer break.

The Town sees the value of community improvement/beautification programs such as the Communities in Bloom program and the Streetscape initiative. Its Park and Recreation staff lend their support to many CiB activities.

Recommendations:

The older residential area would probably benefit from some kind of tidiness campaign. Perhaps, a block by block clean-up party, or BBQ, if that has not already been tried.

Strategically placed anti-litter signs and more garbage and recycling containers in parks, parking lots, exits and entrances into Town and popular gathering spots may make a difference in litter control.

In order to control cigarette butt litter, consider placing user friendly type of cigarette butt catchers in vulnerable areas of town. Narrow neck types are not as encouraging as those models with bigger openings or wider surface areas for butting out. We are aware that butt littering is a difficult habit to control but do persist with "butt out" education.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
Environmental action includes efforts and achievement with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices, 3-R initiatives (reduce/reuse/recycle), waste reduction, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	15.00
Waste management programs such as 3-R (recycling, re-use, reduce), composting (backyard and municipal), landfill site management, and including activities such as composting sites yard waste collections, shredding of Christmas trees, handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection	15	12.00
Water conservation and use-reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	15	11.00
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), and initiatives such as, shielding for night skies issues, efficient street lighting and energy audits.	10	6.00
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: Development and expansion of bike lanes and recreational pathways. Green roofs, green walls; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands and bio-walls. Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation. Air quality programs such as anti-idling.	10	7.00
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	6.00
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)	10	6.00
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting	20	15.00
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection	15	10.00
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	3.00
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	7.00
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8.00
Environmental Action Total	150.00	106.00

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

The weekly residential curbside garbage pick-up is contracted out to Waste Management Canada. It operates the Kindersley Waste and Recycling Centre just outside of Town and makes available recycle drop off depots at various locations in Town.

The town is very conscious about water conservation and consumption. It has invested heavily water infrastructure in anticipation of increased demands on this particular resource not only from an expanding population but also from the commercial/industrial sector. Pamphlets with educational information and tips on water-wise use are distributed to consumers. It is researching ways to recycle 'grey' water for industrial use and improve staffing for efficient water management.

The judges noticed that the car used for their evaluation tour was an electric car, the only one owned by the town and apparently employed for pet control.

The focal point of the town's major green space by the Motherwell Reservoir is the Kindersley Community Walking Trail. There is a committee in charge of a 5-year strategic plan for the Trail. A new connecting bridge is to be installed shortly and that will complete the loop of tarmac trail around the Motherwell Reservoir. The tarmac trail is designed more to meet the demands of users - on bicycles, foot or wheel chairs – than nature although it is nurtured as a haven for wildlife. There are interpretive signage at nature viewing points and a wetland portion supported by Ducks Unlimited.

The judges were pleased to note the town's intention to repurpose rather than demolish the old water tower.

Other environmentally friendly activities noted include community composting, town's planting of trees at the new multiplex facility and Cargill Cares' grant for trees to increase the urban canopy and installation of more waste/can recycling containers. A resident displayed great environmental sensitivity by constructing a new home around the old trees on his property rather than destroy them for convenience.

Recommendations:

The waste management and recycling services are fairly comprehensive but they are not altogether user friendly – a lot of individual sorting is required with some recyclables subject to charges and others not. Other than the weekly pick-up and once -a-year free yard waste pick-up, homeowners have to haul everything else to the Waste and Recycling Centre themselves.

The 2012 judges' recommendations in regard to the 3 R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) activities are still germane.

The judges would like to encourage you to look at an Integrated Pest Management approach to turfs and green space management.

It would be a great benefit for visitors to be able to access the trail map onsite (entrance and exit). It would also be a big plus for the community to have the trail linked to other sites of interest such as school and sports/recreation grounds.

We would have appreciated more opportunities to learn more about business/institutional and residential involvement in relation to environmental actions. The following resources might give you other ideas/venues for a coordinated approach to water and energy conservation and other environmentally friendly activities:

<http://www.spra.sk.ca/news-events/communities-in-bloom/>

<http://www.vermiculture.ca/>

<http://www.saskwastereduction.ca/>

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Heritage Conservation includes efforts to preserve heritage within their community. Priority in evaluation is given to natural heritage, as well as the integration of landscape and streetscapes as it pertains to the built heritage of a community. Also consists of preservation of cultural heritage which includes monuments, memorials, artefacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The evaluation includes:

- natural heritage management plans: sites, parks, cemeteries, heritage gardens and trees, native plants;
- the relationship of the landscape to the built heritage;
- Overall preservation of traditions and customs through year-round festivals and celebrations, events and parades.

As well, the participation of groups such as Historical societies, Conservation groups are considered.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs	15	11.00
Natural and cultural heritage management plan and preservation initiatives: including cultural landscapes, use of native plants, heritage gardens, heritage trees, cemeteries, museums, heritage sites	15	12.00
Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year, and preservation of traditions, and customs	15	12.00
Interpretative and signage programs, walking tours, festivals/celebrations (year round)	15	12.00
Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	12.00
New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage	10	7.00
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and grounds	15	11.00
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	15	11.00
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites / buildings	10	6.00
Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures.	5	3.00
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including heritage community events/activities, including year round cultural festivals & celebrations and preservation of traditions and customs	10	7.00
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions (including Historical Societies) in community initiated, natural and cultural heritage activities and programs including cultural festivals & celebrations throughout the year and preservation of traditions and customs.	10	6.00
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	110.00

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

The Kindersley and District Plains Museum is the largest publicly owned museum in Saskatchewan. The town's Information Centre is located at its front office so attracting tourist traffic is not much of a problem. Appropriate period buildings and artifacts such as those reflecting the community's agricultural roots are continually being added. Kindersley's first train station is currently undergoing restoration.

The Museum Archivist has many ideas to bring the museum to life if and when funding improves. A community garden onsite is one of the ideas. Current heritage activities include Museum Walking Tour and Culture Day/Heritage Day celebrations.

The town's Heritage Walking Tours pamphlet includes many historical buildings that have been repurposed/renovated but not restored. Some retains certain historical features such as the Peary Mart's old loading ramp of the CN Train Station.

The judges noticed the obvious pride in care and maintenance of its cemetery. Successful fundraising helped towards the construction of a second columbarium at the cemetery. Generous financial contribution from Wescan Holdings is for improvements to the cemetery.

Recommendations:

The historic buildings in the downtown commercial area could be a great tourism asset if given heritage attention.

The following resource may help with museum and archival projects.

<http://pch.gc.ca/eng/1268597502197>

If you are interested in creating a period station floral bed to complement your train station, when restored, the CN EcoConnexions – *From the Ground Up* Program is a viable funding source.

For the benefit of planning the community garden on Museum site, the following site might be helpful:

<http://theurbanfarmer.ca/resources/edible-plants-for-the-prairies/>

Though primarily focused on Alberta, especially Edmonton, most of the plants listed should also grow in Saskatchewan.

URBAN FORESTRY

Urban Forestry includes the efforts with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	7.00
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	10	8.00
Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan	10	7.50
Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	10	8.00
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species, recommended tree list	10	7.50
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	7.50
Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs	10	7.50
Qualified personnel and/or crew training	10	8.00
Business & Institutions		
Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes	15	10.00
Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM	10	5.50
Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on properties	10	5.50
Residential		
Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes	15	11.00
Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on residential properties	10	6.00
Maintenance best practices	10	7.00
Community Involvement		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such as Green Streets Canada, Arbour Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.).	15	12.00
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands.	10	7.50
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	125.50

URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

Kindersley has a rigorous urban tree policy in place since 2008. It is based on the International Association of Arboriculture (ISA) Standards and Practices.

The town participates in the provincial DED program since it has a number of elms in its urban forest. Experiences with Dutch elm disease have made the town conscious of the need to diversify the urban forest and encouraged it to draw up a list of suitable tree species appended to its Urban Tree Policy. Not recommended on the tree list are any variety of elms and black cottonwood/poplar (causes cotton puff allergy).

The various sector involvement in organized tree planting projects and activities (around baseball Diamond, schools, walking trails and parks) attest to the community's commitments to maintain/improve the urban canopy in association with their green spaces.

Recommendations:

We understand that there is intention to develop a tree inventory. Do pursue it as it will be a great help in the management of your expanding urban forest.

The town's urban tree policy may be comprehensive but tailored for professional use. A simple pamphlet with information on tree selection, planting and care would be more user friendly.

The town has plans to landscape the wide road verges/ditches leading from Highway 7 into town with trees. In view of the wet nature of the ground, willow trees would seem most appropriate.

We suggest reviewing the last year recommendation of judges concerning the development of an Arbour Day program with collaboration of the schools.

LANDSCAPE

This section of the evaluation supports all efforts to create an environment showcasing the overall surroundings. The overall plan and design must be suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers, turf management and maintenance.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	8.00
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, adapted maintenance programs and water management	10	7.00
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	7.00
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	7.00
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties	10	6.00
Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	6.00
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications	10	6.00
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events)	10	8.00
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	5	4.00
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers	10	6.00
Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	15	11.00
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	7.00
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	11.00
Maintenance of properties: lawn care, tree and shrub maintenance	15	12.00
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)	10	6.00
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (including promotion, organization etc.).	15	11.00
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including tidiness, environmental action, urban forestry, landscape, floral and natural & Cultural Heritage activities .	15	12.00
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities	10	7.00
Landscape Total	200.00	142.00

LANDSCAPE

Observations:

Of all the town's many improvement projects, The Town Square project is the most ambitious one. (see Mention) The goal is to create a centralized meeting/gathering place within the downtown area (i.e. Baker Park) that may include desirable features ranging from a spray/splash park, outdoor performance venue, park benches and public art. The design must incorporate the existing trees so that square remains a natural green space but still be enhanced by modern and sustainable landscaping.

Once the road infrastructure improvement constructions are completed the town's urban landscape will be tremendously enhanced.

The judges noted that the newer residential areas have manicured lawns and gardens. Also, the ultra-lush hanging baskets of self-cleaning petunias add a colourful and graceful touch to the downtown hardscape look.

Recommendations:

In view of the commercial boom and proliferation of hospitality buildings, be sure to have a vision when planning to develop a coherent and unifying landscape.

Communities in Bloom and Streetscape are two beautification programs in the town. Perhaps further collaboration between the two programs and business sector would develop more effective strategies for tidiness improvement along the 11th Avenue commercial strip.

The effectiveness of the hanging baskets as focal points in the town's landscape could be exploited in unifying the landscape of 11th Avenue.

It is also recommended that the town implements waste/recycling bins into their design plan sooner rather than later.

An entrance sign pointing directly to the museum would be more user friendly than the large town entrance sign on the opposite side of the road into town.

Below are some resources that may help or encourage community's efforts on maintaining weed free lawns, gardens and public green spaces:

<http://www.motherearthliving.com/gardening/winning-against-weeds.aspx#axzz2X99s2GcU>

<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/article/0,,218920,00.html>

FLORAL DISPLAYS

"Floral Displays" evaluates efforts to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony. This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	12.00
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	15.00
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora	10	6.00
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	17.00
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	8.00
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	11.00
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	7.00
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	15	11.00
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	15	11.00
Quality of planting and maintenance	15	12.00
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).	15	12.00
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities	15	12.00
Floral Displays Total	175.00	134.00

FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

The judges were impressed by the full lush floral display of the hanging baskets in the downtown area.

Other venues of floral displays include the cemetery, Town Hall, Walking Trail entrance, Caleb Village (private senior's home), Ford Motor Company commercial property, one of the motels on highway 7 and the central boulevard downtown.

The gardens of Caleb Village have well-tended flower beds with showy annuals and perennials.

Giant floral containers along the central traffic isle leading into Town provide an annual seasonal display. They are removed after the growing season is over to facilitate snow removing activities.

It could be due to the uncooperative weather pattern that accounts for the lack of exuberant floral colours in the residential neighbourhoods

Recommendations:

The Ford Motor Company has spectacular floral planters gracing their commercial property. The positive visual impact should be a model for discussion in any 11 Avenue streetscape project.

Perhaps the CiB Committee and the local horticultural society could collaborate on gardening and public landscaping initiatives – adopt a planter, bench, tree, hanging basket, flower bed? Start a block beautification program? Award for the best commercial landscaped lot?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

"Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society."

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY

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

The contributions of our sponsors and partners