

Evaluation Form

2014

Town of Kindersley
Saskatchewan



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Community: Town of Kindersley

Province: Saskatchewan

Category: 5,001-9,000

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

Tidiness	119.00	/	150.00
Environmental Action	109.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	118.00	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	133.00	/	175.00
Landscape	151.00	/	200.00
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Percentage : 77.00%

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 Youth Council

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Kim Vogel Function : Kindersley Director of community services, CiB Committee

Name: Joe Newling Function : Kindersley Parks Manager, CiB Committee

Name: Michelle McMillan Function : Museum manager-curator

Judges

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Name: Gerry Teahen Name: Claire Laberge

Evaluation date: July 14, 2014

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.

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Around Kindersley, you can see extensive crops of canola, wheat and of course grain elevators as well as structures from their other main industries: oil and gas.

Kindersley's motto: "Experience Our Energy", also connects with sports and year round outdoor activities. Kindersley has hosted several large scale sports events such as the 2009 & 2010 Baseball Canada Cup and the 2013 Western Canadian Bantam AAA Hockey Tournament. The Kindersley Community Walking Trail connecting to the entire Motherwell Reservoir Trail is perfect for walking, in-line skating, jogging, bird watching, canoeing and cycling and cross country skiing.

Kindersley's welcome sign proudly announces their involvement in Communities in Bloom with the use of logos and flags. The area is landscaped to include a picnic area, flowers, shrubs and trees.

There is an excellent cooperation between the Communities in Bloom committee and the Downtown Merchants Association contributing to the general beautification of Main Street in Kindersley. Congratulations on your team work!

There has been community participation in the planning and implementation aspects on new projects: Town Square and Spray Park at Baker Park (with a voting poll on the Great Idea Campaign website). These results help the town council and administration. Workshops were also arranged to discuss the needs and wants of the residents.

Residents who are both young and old are part of a very strong social fabric. Kindersley innovated with their Kindersley Youth Council (KYC). Their mission is to provide a fun environment where youth can help youth be involved and have a voice in the community while realizing their full potential as leaders. They are involved in Communities in Bloom, in the Bridge Program (an after school program) and in an advisory group for art, culture and heritage.

Your Community Profile Book has to be prepared as an easy reference to each evaluated sections. We suggest it be condensed to be more to the point. This portrait of the community with photos and projects could be accessible online on Kindersley's webpage, also at the town office and at Kindersley's Information Centre and Tourism Booth located inside the Kindersley and District Plains Museum.

Kindersley knows how to make sustainable green space development. This year, Kindersley received a CN EcoConnexions – *From the Ground Up* grant for their "Off leach Dog Park" at the corner of Railway Avenue and Ditson Drive.

We want to thank Mayor John Enns-Wind, town employees and volunteers from the various committees who accompanied us during the day. Your warm welcome and hospitality were much appreciated. We were particularly pleased to meet one of the Youth Council's members, Regan Galbraith.

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TIDINESS		
<p>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions and the residents throughout the community. Elements for evaluation are parks and green spaces, 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.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	15	13
Community anti-litter awareness programs	5	4
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	8
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)	15	12
Condition of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers	15	12
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	12
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	12
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	3
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	16
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	13
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
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs	10	7
Tidiness Total	150.00	119.00

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TIDINESS

Observations:

During the CiB national Tidy Week on June 16-20, Kindersley and Humboldt participated in a good-natured contest to decide on who is the tidiest community. Humboldt is also entered in the same CiB program category this year. Kindersley Youth Council members were involved during the cleanup days.

One of the projects they initiated "CleanUpCapture" helps Kindersley be litter free. "When you see garbage around the community, pick it up and take it to the nearest trash or recycling bin. Before you toss it in, take a Selfie pic with your phone and tweet it on the KYC Facebook page."

Differential management is practiced along the Kindersley Community Walking Trail and along Ditson Drive; a three meter wide band is mown and the rest is left wild.

In general, business owners, institutions and churches have made a special effort regarding the cleanliness and order of their properties. We saw excellent examples of businesses who understand that the first impression is a lasting impression: Esso gas station, Ford Motor Company, Nova Inn Hotel; they could inspire others businesses on highway 7 where an extra effort is needed.

Volunteers have contributed their time and talents to make Caleb Village, a seniors' residence, nice and tidy.

Recommendations:

For a better first impression in certain high visibility areas, we recommend municipal workers target certain key areas: Entrance sign at the intersection of Highway 7 and Highway 21. Using mulch to keep weeds under control in perennials and shrubs beds, 12-15cm deep is sufficient around the tank. Litter and recycling containers need to be put closer to the picnic table instead. This will enhance the impact value of the Entrance sign and overall landscape. Dog waste disposal station and bag dispenser are needed.

We recommend recycling containers be installed along with litter containers in public spaces, near picnic tables and benches. As you know, keeping the town clean and green starts with participation in the environmental effort such as waste management to reduce waste to landfill. Ex: Kindersley's Community Walking Trail, Buffalo Rubbing Stone, parks.

Kids have found an interesting way to be involved in tidiness; you have to find a way to involve more residents in cleanup days. We suggest you expand the spring cleanup program to include a fall cleanup day as well; discarded items could also be picked up twice instead of once a year.

Clean up weeds along the base of the Heritage mural at Baker Park, could be done at the same time as the park mowing.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<p>Environmental action includes the efforts and achievement of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices, waste reduction and diversion rate to landfill, 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.</p>		
	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	17
Waste management programs: waste reduction to landfill and results (3-R : recycling, re-use, reduce), composting (backyard and municipal)), and including activities such as composting sites yard waste collections, shredding of Christmas trees, handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection	15	12
Water conservation and use-reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies, rainwater management	15	12
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
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: Protection of sensitive habitats Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways. Phytotechnology practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales and permeable surfaces Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation. Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission.	10	7
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management, eco-park	10	6
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)	10	6
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting	20	15
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection	15	10
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	3
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	7
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8
Environmental Action Total	150.00	109.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

Recycling and compost facilities are available at Kindersley's Waste and Recycle Centre management site. Recycling is for paper and cardboard only. Resident have to bring their compost material (tree and branches; grass clipping; leaves; household food waste) to the landfill.

A private company Loraas Environmental Services Ltd offering a new curbside recycling program every 2 weeks at home, an annual prepaid subscription for this year and included in their service, next year.

Mosquito control program: treatment of standing water from 1 km to 5 km around Kindersley. With Vectobac (*Bacillus thurigiensis*) ditch, slough, railway tracks, tree holes, gutters, sewage lagoon. Town installed bat houses along Kindersley Community Walking Trail and golf as Integrated Pest management (IPM) against mosquitoes. Town also planted Silverberry (*Eleagnus*) in the ditch, an innovative IPM against mosquitoes.

"Eco grass" being tested at cemetery: deep rooting, denser growing; needing less water; and more foot traffic resistant.

Concrete is accepted at the landfill, crushed and then reused for road construction.

Kindersley compacts the garbage, puts it in the landfill and covers it with a meter plus of soil; over for future sealing enclosures.

We were made aware that public participation at the baseball field was very strong. We were pleased with the quality of the baseball diamond and the volunteers should be congratulated. We also believe that more volunteers are still needed in several areas in town to improve environmental action.

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Recommendations:

Study the possibility of extending recycling to glass. Businesses may be interested in taking a more active role in this facet of the 3-R.

Recommend that municipality purchase a number of composters and rain barrels and resell them to residents at cost. Program could be sponsored by one of the service club, Lion or Rotary.

To be more involved with energy conservation, we suggest an energy audit would be a good start.

Additional recycling containers need to be placed in the community, parks, institutions and hotels in order to make people aware that they have a responsibility to sort litter.

The town held workshops and public consultations for future landscape projects, the same should be done for the environment. Lectures could be organised on different topics, "Town Talk" can be used seasonally to inform and educate.

Put some purple martin houses along the Kindersley Community Walking Trail (2) and one at the golf club to help control mosquitoes. Move the bat houses to more open areas so they can use them.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<p>Heritage Conservation includes efforts to preserve natural heritage within the community with focus on the integration of landscape and streetscapes in built heritage: preservation of natural heritage pertaining to monuments, memorials, artifacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations in relation to parks and green spaces in the community. The participation of groups such as Historical Societies and Conservation Groups are considered.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs with focus on the relationships of the landscape to the built heritage	15	13
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	13
Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	20	16
Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	13
New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage	10	7
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and landscapes	15	12
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	15	11
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites, buildings and heritage landscapes	10	6
Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures	5	3
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	20	16
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	8
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	118.00

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

Heritage and culture have a strong presence in Kindersley through: the Arts Council, Kindersley Players, Horticultural Society and the Kindersley and District Plains Museum.

Kindersley & District Plains Museum celebrates Kindersley's lively beginnings and its history to the present day. Permanent exhibition comprises: archaeology room, town history room, and history room dedicated to people involved in Kindersley's history; large and small toy cars etc. Outdoor of the site is a Pioneer Village, with fully furnished church, authentic school, the old Clarion office, Blacksmith Shop, train station, doctor's office and T. Eaton catalog house. The Museum Board organised a silent auction to help pay for the train station roof restoration, the work done by volunteers, who also restore some of the artefacts such as vintage tractors.

Kindersley celebrated its centennial in 2010. Plaques were affixed to twelve historical buildings to complement the Heritage walking tour on Main Street. A booklet containing the tour script was developed as "a testament to the past and a treasure for future generations to enjoy" .

Kindersley Cemetery is well maintained by the town and overseen by a board of community volunteers. They are planning to install a gazebo on the ground. The plan also includes a new detailed plot map and user-friendly directory visitors can consult year round.

Located in the heart of town, the Kindersley Community Walking Trail is open year round, offering 4.2 km of paved trail for outdoor recreational activities, an invitation to enjoy the natural heritage around the Motherwell Reservoir.

Among the new programs to promote local heritage: The Kindersley and District Music Festival held annually where students compete in various disciplines (voice, piano, woodwinds etc.); select winners go on to compete at the Provincial Music Festival. The Festival has grown over the years, 3000 people attended last March.

Recommendations:

We support the idea of introducing a commemorative tree project at the Kindersley Cemetery.

Kindersley & District Plains Museum does well in the promotion of Kindersley's heritage; we would like to see more evidence of business involvement.

We suggest planting memorial trees at the Cenotaph in honor of Kindersley's veterans who served and died for their country.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
<p>Urban Forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and citizens 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.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	7
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	10	8
Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan	10	8
Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	15	12
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species, recommended tree list	10	8
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	7
Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs	10	7
Maintenance best practices and proven results	10	8
Qualified personnel and/or crew training	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on properties	15	12
Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM	10	7
Residential		
Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on residential properties	15	11
Maintenance best practices	10	7
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.).	20	15
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	8
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	133.00

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

The Leisure Services Department created the Kindersley Urban Tree Policy in 2008. Their responsibility include: reforestation, pruning, basic spraying and inventory. The document is well done it contains: a list of recommended species for planting along the street, in private yards, open spaces and parks; a Tree Evaluation form; a Diagnostic Worksheet, a Replacement Cost Method Worksheet; a Trunk Formula Method Worksheet.

“A home-owner’s Guide to Elm care and DED prevention in Saskatchewan” produced by SOS Elms coalition in cooperation with Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management and “Fact Sheet #3- Pruning Elms” published by the Saskatchewan Dutch Elm Disease Association are available from the town as educational information.

A Cargill grant allowed the town to plant fifty trees at the curling rink and along Ditson Drive. Fifty more trees will be planted in various locations around Kindersley. Willow, Tower Poplar, Aspen trees. Cargill employees also helped town staff plant the trees.

The town maintains a tree nursery for future needs.

Recommendations:

We recommend that species diversity be maintained and increased in the trees planted in Kindersley. No species should make up more than 40% of the total. This helps control pests and diseases and prevents dramatic losses of trees in the urban forest.

Your list of suitable tree species for planting is very well done. An inventory of existing trees has to be done. It will be an important source of information when you decide on the types of trees that should be planted in the future.

We recommend the municipality organise a yearly occasion for residents to learn or refresh their learning on Elm care and DED prevention. This could be part of the “Town Talk” in the spring newsletter. Information about good planting techniques and maintenance programs could also be transmitted via the same publication.

The town could consider planting a few trees in the cemetery creating a few shady areas with benches to allow visitors a quiet place to relax. Benches and trees could be sponsored or commemorative.

Kindersley should consider reducing the use of pesticides, for the health of the residents as well as the ecosystem.

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LANDSCAPE		
<p>Landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces 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 along with turf management.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	8
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, adapted maintenance programs	10	8
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	7
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	8
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties, traffic mitigation, bank stabilisation	10	7
Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, signage, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	7
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications	10	8
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
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	5	4
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	7
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
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	6
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	12
Maintenance of properties: lawn care and shrub maintenance	15	13
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)	10	7
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization etc.).	15	11
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	11
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities	10	8
Landscape Total	200.00	151.00

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The Motherwell Reservoir is encircled by a paved walking trail with viewing points along the path. A new 80m pedestrian bridge allows full access to the entire Motherwell Trail by residents and visitors. Funded entirely by grant money, it is part of the strategic plan developed by the Walking Trail Committee with the support of the town. This is perfect for year round outdoor activities.

This summer, work is underway to develop Baker Park, a large downtown green space into a versatile Town Square and Spray Park; it will become a favorite spot for families during summer and a perfect place for community gathering.

Congratulations to Kindersley on receiving the 2014 CN EcoConnexions – *From the Ground Up grant!* The town will establish a new off leach dog park located near the railway and Ditson Drive.

The community garden adjacent to Kindersley & District Plains Museum is maintained by volunteers and harvest is shared with food banks.

A great collaborative effort was deployed at Caleb Village, a senior's home. It is well landscaped with raised beds, flowers, fruit trees, and residents can maintain their own arrangements.

Mulching is used to keep weeds under control and conserve water in perennials and shrub beds at Baker Park and Welcome sign.

Recommendations:

Urban agriculture: Apple trees planted at the West Central Events Centre entrance could be an inspiration for future landscaping projects. Edible and aromatic plants could also be mixed in with ornamental plants.

Kindersley could be more eco-friendly and green with more Community gardens. Raised beds could be included to allow less mobile residents to keep a closer eye on the vegetables and maybe have a hand in their maintenance and harvest. The site could be used to demonstrate composter use.

To recognize the best yards, we recommend you create a committee with three members: one representing the Horticultural society, one from the Communities in Bloom committee and one from the Kindersley Youth Council; they could award a Yard of the Month or Yard of the Year for residential and business, and also a prize for best new landscape of the year. A CiB flag or sign could be given to the winner to put on their yard.

The Oil Men's Association could be approached to sponsor the entrance sign's future landscape display.

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<p>Floral Displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and citizens 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.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	13
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	17
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora	10	7
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	16
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	12
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	7
	15	12
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	15	12
Quality of planting and maintenance	15	12
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).	15	12
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities	15	12
Floral Displays Total	175.00	140.00

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

The Town of Kindersley worked at creating balance, color and harmony in the floral displays throughout the community. The Royal Bank partnership helped beautify Main Street this year. The Bank gave \$1000 to purchase the flowers, and bank employee sponsored and planted the flowers in containers displayed along the street.

Town staff did a good job of maintaining hanging baskets and containers on Main Street, in municipal parks and buildings.

Congratulations for the floral displays and maintenance done by residents. We were impressed by some very nice residential floral displays in the newer district.

Recommendations:

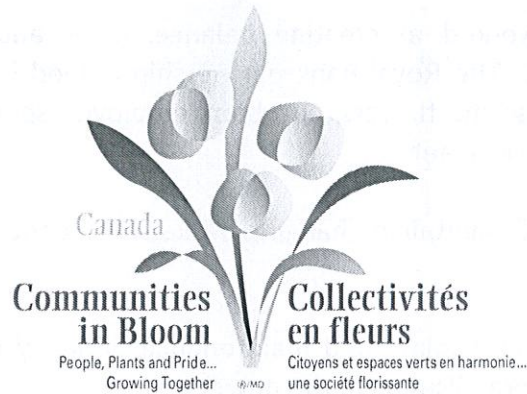
More perennials could be used at the town entrance sign to complete the beds already there; this reduces the mulched surface to maintain and is a permanent solution.

To stimulate more landscape and beautification by both businesses and residents, the CiB committee and Service clubs could start an "Adopt-a-Flower" program with recognition for the winner.

Consider using more banners announcing festivals, promoting heritage projects or the CiB program. The use of hanging baskets could be continued where they are protected from the wind and in front of buildings.

Try to involve the Horticultural Society in partner project with CiB for educational workshop about floral displays and gardening.

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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