

2026 CiB National Edition Awards Results

On October 17th, the 32nd Edition of Communities in Bloom National & International Awards Ceremonies were held in the City of Montréal, Québec, honouring municipalities across Canada, Ireland, Italy, Hungary and the United States of America.

Communities in Bloom is a volunteer and partnership-driven organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement, and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by nurturing environmental sustainability, enhancements of green spaces, and heritage in cultural and natural environments encompassing municipal, residential, commercial, and institutional spaces.

Communities in Bloom National Chairperson, Peggy Head said, "It is a privilege to celebrate the 32nd edition of Communities in Bloom and the volunteers, partners, and participants who make this program so meaningful. Each year, we are inspired by the creativity, dedication, and community spirit demonstrated across Canada and around the world. Together, we are creating greener, healthier, and more vibrant places while celebrating the unique character of each community, truly embodying our spirit of **Growing Great Places Together.**"

National & International Award Winners

National Population - Up to 10,000:	Town of Devon, Alberta
National Population - Over 50,000:	City of Brantford, Ontario
International Challenge (Small):	Comune di Costigliole d'Asti, Asti, Italy
International Challenge (Medium):	Ballincollig Tidy Towns, Co. Cork, Ireland
Class of Champions (Small):	Town of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland and Labrador
Grand Champions:	City of Castlegar, British Columbia
Healthier, Livable Cities:	Town of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Outstanding Achievement Awards & Contests Winners

Teck Community Appearance Award:	City of North Bay, Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Environmental Action Award:	Town of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia
Communities in Bloom Heritage Conservation Award:	Town of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia
Communities in Bloom Tree Management Award:	Town of Devon, Alberta
Scotts Turf Builder Landscape Award:	City of Castlegar, British Columbia
National Capital Commission Plant and Floral Displays Award:	City of Brantford, Ontario
Scotts Youth Involvement Award:	City of Melfort, Saskatchewan
Scotts Community of Gardeners Award:	Strathcona County, Alberta
Communities in Bloom Community Involvement Award:	Town of Devon, Alberta
The Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award:	City of North Bay, Ontario
Municipal World WinterLife Award:	Town of Bracebridge, Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association Green Cities Award:	City of Stratford, Ontario
Nutrients for Life School Garden Award:	Coronach School, Coronach, Saskatchewan
Communities in Bloom International Community Involvement Award:	Comune di Costigliole d'Asti, Italy
Ball International Plant and Floral Displays Award:	Ballincollig Tidy Towns, Co. Cork, Ireland
Communities in Bloom Best Downtown Area Award:	City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Municipal World Great Canadian Landmark Contest:	Huskey the Muskey, City of Kenora, Ontario
America in Bloom 2026 Best Therapeutic Gardening Award:	City of Brantford, Ontario; City of Castlegar, British Columbia; City of Melfort, Saskatchewan and Town of Stonewall, Manitoba

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Category	Rating	Special Mention / Recognition
<u>National Population – Up to 10,000</u>		
Town of Carbonear, NL	3 Blooms	St. Patrick's Community Garden
Town of Devon, AB	5 Blooms - Silver	Partnerships
Town of Moosomin, SK	5 Blooms	The Play for All Program
<u>National Population – Over 50,000</u>		
City of Brantford, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Horticultural Excellence Through Municipal and Volunteer Collaboration
<u>International Challenge (Small)</u>		
Comune di Costigliole d'Asti, Asti, Italy	5 Blooms - Silver	The Flag Bearers and Musicians
City of Logan, Ohio, USA	5 Blooms	Hocking Hills Butterfly Trail
<u>International Challenge (Medium)</u>		
Ballincollig Tidy Towns, Co. Cork, Ireland	5 Blooms - Gold	Volunteer Committee of Ballincollig Tidy Towns
Town of Nagykőrös, Pest County, Hungary	5 Blooms - Bronze	Kindergarten Kárász Street School
<u>Class of Champions (Small)</u>		
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5 Blooms – Bronze	Growing Community Champions Through Youth Engagement
Town of Capreol, ON	5 Blooms – Bronze	Preserving Heritage Through Community and Volunteer Spirit
City of Melfort, SK	5 Blooms – Bronze	The Northern Lights Woodcarvers - Carving Community Spirit into the Landscape
<u>Grand Champions</u>		
City of Castlegar, BC	5 Blooms - Silver	Commemorative Heritage Program
<u>Healthier, Livable Cities</u>		
Town of Stonewall, MB	5 Blooms - Gold	Extraordinary Community Resilience
City of Stratford, ON	5 Blooms - Gold	Floral Display Plan of Action
Town of Yarmouth, NS	5 Blooms - Gold	Community Engagement
<u>Gardens & Attractions in Bloom Showcase – Evaluated (non-competitive)</u>		
Assiniboine Park Conservancy, MB	5 Blooms - Gold	The Leaf Kitchen Garden
Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens, ON	5 Blooms - Silver	Growing the Next Generation of Horticultural Professionals

**Bold indicates winner*

Communities are evaluated using a "bloom" rating determined by the total score of the evaluation:
0 to 55 %=1 Bloom 56 to 63 %=2 Blooms 64 to 72 %=3 Blooms 73 to 81 %=4 Blooms 82 % and over=5 Blooms

There are four (4) levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to the National and International Edition:
5 Blooms: 82 to 83.9% Bronze: 84 to 86.9% Silver: 87 to 89.9% Gold: 90% and over

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Gardens & Attractions in Bloom Showcase – Non-Evaluated

The Butchart Gardens, BC
Heritage Park Calgary, AB
Memorial University Botanical Garden, NL

Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden, AB
Rideau Woodland Ramble, ON
The Toronto Zoo, ON

Circle of Excellence – Non-Evaluated

City of Barrie, ON
City of Brandon, MB
Brooks Region, AB
Town of Bruderheim, AB
City of Charlottetown, PE

Village of Forestburg, AB
Municipality of Lambton Shores, ON
City of North Bay, ON
Village of Pugwash, NS
Town of Pincher Creek, AB

Ville de Rosemère, QC
Strathcona County, AB
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB

Thank you to our Volunteer National & International Judges

Alain Cappelle	Anthony O'Neill	Christine Isaac	Susan Ellis
Dr. Andrea Bocsi	Berta Briggs	Karen Stephenson	Tina Liu
Angela Vieth	Brad Beatty	Larry Hall	

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