



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 enhancement of green spaces in communities

"People, plants and pride... growing together"

Program: Communities in Bloom is all about greening, through environmental, natural heritage conservation and horticultural actions, our communities by engaging citizens of all ages, businesses and institutions with the municipalities...and showcasing and celebrating our achievements. 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 the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

History: Established in 1995, with the guidance of Britain in Bloom, Tidy Towns of Ireland and Villes et Villages Fleuris de France, Communities in Bloom now includes hundreds of communities across the country, and an international challenge involving communities from the United States, Asia and Europe allows participants to compete internationally.

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", Resource and CommNews sections. The *Communities in Bloom Magazine* 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.

Provincial, National and International Awards - Symposium on Parks and Grounds: The annual Provincial, National and International awards ceremonies along with the Symposium on Parks and Grounds, held jointly in the fall are a unique opportunity for elected officials, parks and grounds professionals and community volunteers to learn and share about current issues, trends and challenges in horticulture and gardening, community tourism and projects, environmental awareness, and to showcase...and celebrate their achievements. Workshops 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 the natural environment in Canadian society. The foundation also awards bursaries to students in horticulture / environment programs.

His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada is the Patron of Communities in Bloom.

***Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns,
all communities involved in the program can be proud of their efforts, which***

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2017 ONTARIO

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30

(extension possible upon request)

Community (please indicate if City, Town, Village, etc.)		Population	Mayor or Head of Council	
Name of Community Contact		Position / Title		
Address		Province	Postal Code	
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Phone	Fax	Cell Phone	Evening Phone	
E-mail		Preferred evaluation date* * will be considered but cannot be guaranteed		
CATEGORY: Population (evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/>		Friends (non-evaluated) <input type="checkbox"/>		

Population Category (community is evaluated):

- two volunteer judges visit and evaluates the community to provide a **report, mention and bloom rating**
- evaluation will be planned to be scheduled for two days with accommodation provided by the host community
- The evaluation will take place in July or August. The dates are determined in consultation with the community subject to the availability of the volunteer judges.

Friends Category (community is not evaluated):

- community is not evaluated : becomes part of the Communities in Bloom network

Benefits of participation

- Communities in Bloom provides access to a reputable **information exchange network**
- **Economic, Social and Environmental** benefits (as detailed in program information)
- Promotion of the community in the **Ontario Edition** and during the **Awards Ceremonies** in September

Registration fees

- payment by Cheque is requested at registration by mail. If you wish you may email the registration form with the cheque to follow.
- **Population (evaluated):**
 - ☐ Up to 5,000: \$ 350 + \$ 45.50 HST = \$ 395.50
 - ☐ 5,001 to 10,000: \$ 500 + \$ 65.00 HST = \$ 565.00
 - ☐ 10,001 to 20,000: \$ 600 + \$ 78.00 HST = \$ 678.00
 - ☐ 20,001 to 50,000: \$ 750 + \$ 97.50 HST = \$ 847.50
 - ☐ Over 50,000 : \$ 850 + \$ 110.50 HST = \$ 960.50

Friends (non-evaluated):

- ☐ \$ 225 + \$ 29.25 HST = \$ 254.25

Mail, your completed registration form and Cheque to:

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