



Town of Indian Head, Saskatchewan

Communities in Bloom - 2019 National & International Edition

Winner 5 Blooms – Bronze Community Garden

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YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia, September 28th, 2019 —

The Town of Indian Head is the winner of the Class of Champions - Small category. They received a 5 Blooms – Bronze rating and a special mention for *Community Garden* during the 2019 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The Town of Indian Head was in competition with Ashcroft BC; Hanna AB and Kinistino SK. The community also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for the Communities in Bloom *25th Anniversary Award*.

Over the summer, trained volunteer judges travelled to participating communities to evaluate the overall contributions of municipal council and departments; industry; businesses and the private sector – including volunteer efforts – in regards to the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Berta Briggs and Larry Hall wrote:

"Indian Head is truly a community of gardeners. The CiB Committee is very generous in sharing their time and talent; this year one project was to develop a Community Garden. Sod was broken in a central and accessible site in the fall of 2018, and spring of 2019 saw a very large cultivated garden carefully divided into plots. To make it a true garden for the community some plots are rented out to individuals while others are planted as demonstration plots to educate and inspire. There is a plot of wheat varieties developed in Indian Head, a Three Sisters Garden, a children's garden, and even a plot of Bangladeshi vegetables clearly labeled."

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

For a complete list of the results and the electronic copy of the Communities in Bloom magazine, please visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

About Communities in Bloom

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. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. For more information about Communities in Bloom, visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

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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