

Communities In Bloom – Ontario Edition

Communities in Bloom Ontario is the provincial edition of the national program, 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 community settings.

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 key criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry & Trails, Landscape, and Floral Displays. Communities that look successful are most likely to be successful. Whether a community's specific goals are to increase tourism, generate new economic development or simply to build civic pride, the appearance presented to citizens and to others is a key factor in achieving those goals.

Communities in Bloom Ontario is a program that inspires communities to enhance and sustain the visual appeal of neighbourhoods, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the imaginative use of flowers, plants, trees and landscaping, through the preservation of heritage and cultural assets and with attention to environmental stewardship.

The 2017 Communities in Bloom Ontario Dinner and Provincial Awards took place on September 9th in the Municipality of Lambton Shores, Ontario, at the Forest Golf and Country Club. The results are as follows – Bloom ratings range from 1 to a maximum of 5 Blooms:

2017 Evaluated Communities:

	<u>Bloom rating</u>	<u>Mention</u>
Town of Prescott	5	Community Involvement
Brockville City of the Thousand Islands	4	Railway Tunnel Restoration 2017
Town of Kingsville	5	Lakeside Park & Pavilion
Township of Minden Hills	5	Community Involvement
Community of Capreol	5	Waterfront Enhancement Project
Township of Southwold	5	Heritage Conservation
Township of Madawaska Valley	5	Community Collaboration After 2017 Storm

Criteria Awards	Community	Sponsor
Tidiness	Brockville City of the Thousand Islands	Tystan Site Furnishings
Environmental Action	Kingsville	Brett-Young
Heritage Preservation	Capreol	Tystan Site Furnishings
Urban Forestry & Trails	Southwold	Ontario Parks Association
Landscape	Madawaska Valley	Landscape Ontario

Floral Displays	Town of Prescott	Home Hardware
Community Involvement	Township of Minden Hills	Ontario Parks Association
Youth Participation	Township of Southwold	Brett-Young
Community Gardeners	Town of Kingsville	Scott's

2017 Friends of CIB Non-Evaluated Communities:

Municipality of Red Lake
Municipality of Bluewater
Town of Kapuskasing
Town of Coniston
Town of Greater Napanee
Municipality of South West Middlesex

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