

Growing Together

B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Get your purple, mauve and plum growing!



Community participants liked having a theme to inspire them, so CiB National has decided to continue with a colour theme for 2023. This year's colour is PURPLE.

Purple has a variety of effects on the mind and body, including uplifting spirits, calming the mind, enhanced feelings of spirituality and encouraging imagination and creativity.

From lilacs to coneflowers, from coast to coast,
let's paint the country purple!

Announcing a New Program Option!

See page 3 for additional information and the 2023 registration form.

Recruiting Qualified Candidates for Judge or Board Member

Are you interested in joining our amazing group of passionate volunteers who represent all areas of our beautiful province? Get a membership today: [Volunteer - BC Communities in Bloom \(bccib.ca\)](#)

Winter Fun – Showcase

100 MILE HOUSE OUTDOOR SKATE RINK

The District of 100 Mile House secured the old tennis courts from the Old Junior High School location (that school has been demolished) and provides the power for the lights, garbage cans, the rest is volunteers.

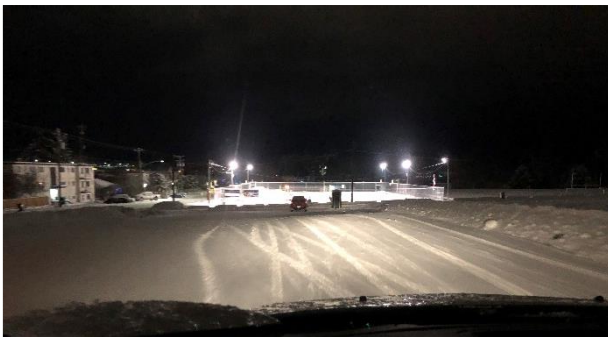


It is quite a process, the volunteers built a 2-foot-high box all the way around the rink, lined it with a liner and then spent countless hours flooding the rink from a nearby fire hydrant.

Once the ice is good to go, the gate is left unlocked, and people can use it free of charge any time they wish.

The volunteers go remove any large amounts of snow when it snows. As well, the volunteers that started this pilot project two years ago purchased a Zamboni that is also volunteer run and stored up the road for free by a local business as it has to be kept warm.

This rink is so well used, many times up to 50 people are on it. The plan is to find a permanent location that an outdoor facility can be built with a roof, and be able to be used year-round for all



types of activities like pickle ball, roller blading, etc.

Thank you for sharing our little project. It is a really BIG asset in our small community and would not have happened without the countless hours of volunteers and their vision.

Maureen Pinkney





BC Communities in Bloom 2023 PROVINCIAL EDITION Registration Form

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
April 14, 2023**

MUNICIPALITY (PLEASE PRINT)		TOTAL POPULATION	MAYOR
NAME OF MUNICIPAL CONTACT		POSITION / TITLE	
ADDRESS		CITY	POSTAL CODE
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PHONE		MUNICIPAL CONTACT EMAIL	
NAME OF COMMUNITY CONTACT OR LOCAL CIB CHAIR		WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY	
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PHONE		COMMUNITY CONTACT/CHAIR E-MAIL	
PROGRAM OPTIONS (indicate your level of participation)		REGISTRATION FEE Based on Population Size:	
<input type="checkbox"/> GROW - MODIFIED EVALUATION - 3 Criteria NEW PROGRAM OPTION! <input type="radio"/> Beautification <input type="radio"/> Conservation <input type="radio"/> Other Combo Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a Certificate and Report. Eligible to win a Criteria Award or the NEW Volunteerism Award		<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - \$ 375 <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$ 450 <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$ 500 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - \$ 600 (Plus 5% GST) <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - \$ 700 <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - \$ 800 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 - \$ 925 <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - \$1150 (Plus 5% GST)	
<input type="checkbox"/> BLOOM - FULL EVALUATION - 6 Criteria Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a BLOOM RATING and 18-page Report. Eligible to win a Criteria Award or the NEW BEST OF BC Award		<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - \$ 500 <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$ 600 <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$ 675 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - \$ 800 (Plus 5% GST) <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - \$ 925 <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - \$1025 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 - \$1225 <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - \$1525 (Plus 5% GST)	
<input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS - NON-EVALUATED - Half of Full Evaluation Registration Fee based on population size noted above. Recognition category for past CiB communities who do not want an evaluation but want to continue showing their support for their CiB initiatives and the BC Communities in Bloom provincial program.			
AMOUNT ENCLOSED		Population Fee + 5% GST = \$ GST # 8446 03670 RT0001	
PLEASE INVOICE US AT		<input type="radio"/> Above Address or	
MAIL FORM & FEE TO		BC Communities in Bloom 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2 ← Please note updated info	
OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD		at WWW.BCCIB.CA NOTE: Please email completed form to Catherine at c.kennedy@telus.net	
CANCELLATION POLICY		Before May 15th a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.	
CONTACT		Catherine Kennedy, Executive Director c.kennedy@telus.net (604) 576-6506 www.bccib.ca	

EVALUATED OPTIONS**GROW Modified Evaluation – 3 Criteria Only** **Awarding Levels**

- Open to first time, smaller or returning municipalities who want a simpler CiB option.
- Participants may choose any 3 criteria to be evaluated OR choose a theme.
- Expect to provide 1-night accommodation for pair of judges. (5-hour tour day)

**BEAUTIFICATION**

- Community Appearance
- Landscape Areas
- Plant & Floral Displays

**CONSERVATION**

- Environmental Action
- Heritage Conservation
- Tree Management

ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD**OR****(New this year)**
VOLUNTEERISM
AWARD**BLOOM Full Evaluation – 6 Criteria****Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms**

- 5-Bloom winners receive a Street Banner.
- Open to any size Municipality wanting the full program experience and its many benefits.
- Communities gain social value from the community involvement elements of the program.
- Entry point for National and International Communities in Bloom competition.
- Expect to provide 2-nights accommodation for a pair of judges. (2-hr first day, 7-hr tour day)

**ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD****OR****(New this year)**
BEST OF BC
AWARD**COMMUNITY RECEIVES:**

- **Getting Started Package of Information.**
- **Evaluation by a pair of trained BC CiB Judges.**
- **Evaluation Report with Comments & Suggestions.**
- **Rating Certificate (Blooms only for full evaluated program).**
- **5-Bloom Winners receive a special Street Banner.**
- **Profile on newsletter, press releases, www.bccib.ca website and Gardens BC tourism website.**

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- **Strengthens community pride for residents and businesses.**
- **Collaborative creates opportunities to celebrate volunteers.**
- **Enhances enjoyment and value of green spaces.**
- **Highlights climate action initiatives**
- **Contributes to a healthy social & economic lifestyle.**
- **Profile for best features of the Community.**
- **Measurable results with year over year benefits.**

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- Grow a local 'in Bloom' committee to build collaboration with residents, businesses, service clubs and a municipal rep. (Councillor, Public Works, Administration or Parks & Recreation staff).
- Plan to meet online mid-season with Provincial CiB Judges with a Virtual Check Up on how to support your CiB efforts.
- Develop a basic budget to cover registration fee and to create community wide CiB awareness projects, i.e.: parades, tidy up days. Consider planning some fundraising events too. Document volunteer contributions.
- Create a Community Profile Document outlining the community's achievements. Plan a judge's tour to view community in the 3 or 6 evaluation criteria. (Once registered, additional information is provided in the Getting Started Package).
- Host 2-judges in 2nd or 3rd week of July (TBC), in separate rooms (Hotel, B&B or Billeting if certain conditions can be met), with meals during evaluation day.
- Communities will be presented a Certificate and a Report at the Provincial Awards in the fall. (Event details to be confirmed)
- Evaluating three or six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and for future improvements.

NON-EVALUATED OPTIONS**FRIENDS** For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation.

Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project.

SHOWCASE PROJECT (requires separate form) Recognition program for individuals, communities, and neighbourhoods of all sizes. Showcase a place or space and how you are using CiB to make a better community, and world. Acknowledge your volunteers.**MEMBERSHIP (requires separate form) – www.bccib.ca** The BC CiB organization represents all areas of the province, if you would like more information about becoming a director or a judge, please contact Catherine at c.kennedy@telus.net before Feb. 28/23.



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Membership

2023

British Columbia Communities in Bloom Society

CATEGORY	POPULATION	FEE	AGM
Individual Member	1	\$20 (no tax)	Voting (or NV)

Membership Benefits

- Newsletters (10+ issues/year)
- Invitation to fall Awards and Conference
- AGM voting privileges,
- Entry point for Board of Director or Trained Volunteer Judge (see next page)

POTENTIAL MEMBERS:

- Enthusiasm for the CiB program
- Individuals with previous 'in bloom' experience
- Individuals who would like more information about how to get a group started in CiB
- Interest or experience in horticulture
- Experience in community engagement

LEGAL:

- Applicant must reside in BC to be a member or with permission from the BC CiB Board.
- Per the BC CiB Constitution and Bylaws our Board has the right of refusal.

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Membership shows your support
for the British Columbia
Communities in Bloom Society

Thank You!

Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Voting <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Voting (NV)	
Name of Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal?
City/Province/Postal Code:	
Contact Person	
Phone	
*Email (required)	
<input type="checkbox"/> PAY BY CREDIT CARD Online at www.bccib.ca	REQUEST FOR MORE INFO: <input type="checkbox"/> Judging or Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Showcase Project <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Advertising <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Program <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Hosting
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Showcase Project

BERWICK QUALICUM BEACH RETIREMENT COMMUNITY GARDENS

In the centre of picturesque Qualicum Beach, Berwick Qualicum Beach consists of 110 residents living in a dynamic retirement community. Our building has been open for three years now, and we have recently incorporated two exciting gardening projects we wish to share with you. These are our resident container gardens on our patios and our tea garden in our courtyard.

Both projects have beautified our environs, created friendships, and attracted bees and other pollinators. The container gardens are located in several sunny locations. Individuals and teams of residents were dedicated to caring for these throughout the summer. They have produced beautifully scented roses, mixed flower boxes, and scads of delicious cherry tomatoes for snacking and sharing. The tea garden consists of a variety of perennials chosen for their herbal tea flavour and colour qualities. We have harvested and dried many jars of leaves and flowers, which we used to create our signature BQB herbal tisane.

Thanks to these two garden projects our community is truly blooming on the inside and outside.

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