

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE...

Growing Together

B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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2020 Provincial Edition Registration

Recognition and Awards Program based on the evaluation of 6 criteria:

1. Tidiness
2. Environmental Action
3. Heritage Conservation
4. Urban Forestry
5. Landscape Areas
6. Floral Displays

Also evaluates Municipal, Institution/Business and Community Involvement.

Evaluations take place in mid July. [Registration deadline: March 31, 2020](#)

Register early and your community could win a pair of tickets to the 2020 Provincial Awards Dinner. Conference & Awards will be hosted by the District of Sicamous September 11-13.

What's Growing On in our Communities

Village of Lumby – New Bike Park and Pump Track



Here are a few pictures of the new bike park being built in the Village of Lumby. Phase 1 of the bike park is now complete and includes a pump track and a skills track. Phase 2 of the bike park expansion is under way.

City of Castlegar

Rotary Club Celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a clock donation at City Hall.





2020 PROVINCIAL EDITION

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

EARLY REGISTRATION CONTEST:
Paid Registrations received before
Feb. 28, 2020 are eligible to WIN a pair
of Tickets to the
PROVINCIAL AWARDS DINNER
FINAL DEADLINE: March 31, 2020

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	
PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES (please indicate your level of participation)		REGISTRATION FEE Based on Population Size:	
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE WORKSHOP Introduce CiB to your community with a pair of trained BC CiB facilitators.	<input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS NON-EVALUATED holds your bloom rating one-year (½ Registration Fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> up to 1000 - \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - \$925
<input type="checkbox"/> PROVINCIAL EDITION EVALUATED Community receives a Bloom Rating Award and 18-page report ONLY CATEGORY ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD Getting Started package of information sent upon registration.		<input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - \$1025
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$675	<input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 - \$1225
		<input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - \$800	<input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - \$1525
		(Plus 5% GST)	(Plus 5% GST)

EVALUATED PARTICIPANTS should plan to:

- Create a local 'in Bloom' committee to build collaboration with citizens, business, service clubs and a municipal rep (Councillor, Public Works, Administrator, Parks/Recreation);
- Prepare for an **Evaluation** to take place in mid to late July;
- Create a **Community Profile Book** (CPB) outlining the community's achievements in the specific evaluation criteria;
- Develop a simple 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;
- Host 2- facilitators (judges) typically 3rd week of July. 2-nights maximum in separate rooms (Hotel, B&B or Billeting if certain conditions can be met); with meals during evaluation day.
- Budget for sending a couple of people to the BC CiB Provincial Awards and Conference Event in the fall. Recognize your volunteers by providing an opportunity to network with other participants and to learn how to maximize your CiB program.

COMMUNITY RECEIVES:

- Getting Started Package of Information;
- Evaluation by a pair of trained BC CiB facilitators for 1-2 days;
- Bloom Rating Certificate (1 to 5 blooms);
- 18+ page Evaluation Report with Comments & Suggestions;
- 5-Bloom Winners receive a special recognition Street Banner;
- Profile on www.bccib.ca and Gardens BC tourism website;
- Information about National Competition in future years.

BENEFITS to Community:

- **Involves People of all ages to be part of the Volunteer Effort**
- **CiB Program is a tool to encourage Tidiness & Beautification**
- **Promotes Excellence in Horticultural Best Practices**
- **Provides Focus & Deadline for new & ongoing Projects**
- **CPB and Evaluation Report showcases Community Assets**
- **Report is a Cost-Effective Measurement of Success**

Cheque payable to: BC Communities in Bloom **NEW MAILING ADDRESS: 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ Population Fee + 5% GST = \$	GST # 8446 03670 RT0001
PLEASE INVOICE US AT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Address	
CANCELLATION POLICY:	Before April 30 th a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.	
Request more information:	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Catherine Kennedy (604) 576-6506 c.kennedy@telus.net	

Participation Options	COST
<p>1. NOVICE WORKSHOP – First Year Audit Get started growing your commUnity with an introduction to the CiB program!</p> <p>A pair of BC CiB Facilitators will meet with key stakeholders from your community to help create the framework for a future committee. Facilitators will present a PowerPoint and view 3 criteria of your choice: i.e. Floral Displays, Landscape and Tidiness Efforts offering comments and suggestions for future efforts. A recognition certificate and report will be presented at the fall Awards.</p> <p>There is no Evaluation Tour or Community Profile Book to organize but be prepared to host the BC CiB facilitators (meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.) and have 3 - 10 people ready to workshop.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>
<p>2. PROVINCIAL EDITION EVALUATION - Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms Develop an 'In Bloom' action committee to build collaboration with residents, service groups, municipal staff and business owners.</p> <p>Organize an Evaluation Tour to view about 80% of your community to a pair of BC CiB judges. (What is Communities in Bloom)</p> <p>Create a Community Profile Book to summarize your community's assets, this is also used to supplement information not shown during the evaluation tour.</p> <p>Plan to host a pair of judges for meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.</p> <p>Recognizing your commUnity! Participants are awarded a Bloom Rating Certificate and receive a written report at the Provincial Awards & Conference in the fall. Evaluating six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and to help focus on future improvements.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p>This is the ONLY CATEGORY eligible to win a CRITERIA TROPHY</p>
NON-EVALUATED	
<p>3. FRIENDS* For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation. Holds bloom rating one-year.</p> <p>*Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project</p>	<p>½ Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form</p>
<p>4. PLACES & SPACES SHOWCASE PROJECT* (non-evaluated) Profile for a specific project or geographical segment within a community. Open to service groups, garden clubs, municipalities, electoral areas etc., submissions also accepted from National and International level CiB participants in British Columbia. Provide 100 words & 3 photos to be showcased in the provincial newsletter.</p>	<p>Fee: \$100 (go to www.bccib.ca to download form)</p>
All Participants will receive recognition on our Website, Map, Press Releases, Fall Awards, GardensBC	
<p>5. COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP As per the 2020 Membership Form www.bccib.ca Fee dependent on population size. (* also includes a Showcase Project entry)</p>	