

# Growing Together

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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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## Accepting Registrations for Evaluated and Non-Evaluated Programs

### Growing Great Places Together

British Columbia Communities in Bloom is an annual recognition program for municipalities of all sizes. Participants are evaluated on the quality of green spaces, diversity and originality of landscaping, overall appearance, environmental awareness, heritage, and the level of community involvement. The evaluation process creates a baseline for future improvement. The updated Communities in Bloom program places a greater emphasis on sustainable horticulture practices and awareness for climate action initiatives. Participants value the networking and civic pride that results.

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### More than a Flower Growing Contest

The past few years have taught us how essential greenspaces and social engagement are to our health and happiness. The Communities in Bloom program provides a proven process to help engage, and activate your residents, service, and business groups around a positive message of 'Growing Great Places Together'.

Smaller municipalities may be interested in the new 3-criteria "GROW Modified Evaluation" option to help get an 'in Bloom' program started in their community.

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## 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 \(bccib.ca\)](http://www.bccib.ca)

**Judges Training will be held in Kelowna – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

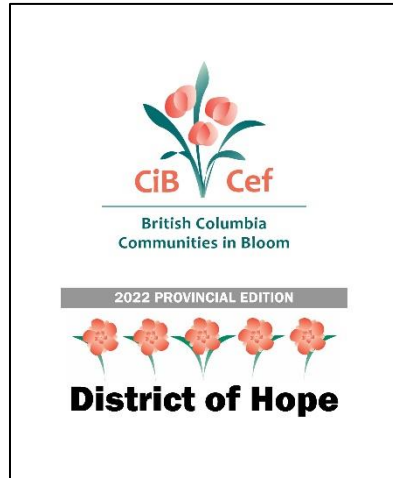
## COME by and SAY Hi!

**BC CiB's Catherine (with BCLNA) will be an exhibitor at the BCRPA Professional Pathways spring training event Feb. 22 & 23 in Langley.**

# Winter Fun – Showcase

## DISTRICT OF HOPE

Just like the rest of the year, Hope Communities in Bloom volunteers continue to work to make our community a better place.



In early December, volunteers gathered a variety of greens and holly from backyards and nearby forests and pre-bagged them for the 20 planters downtown. CiB members sorted the Christmas lights for installation by the District crew. The Grinch carving was put back in place in front of District Hall to allow for selfies and family photos. The Christmas tree was installed on the District Hall roof and the lights were turned on by the Mayor, Victor Smith, (Hope's CiB chair for many years) at an evening celebration.

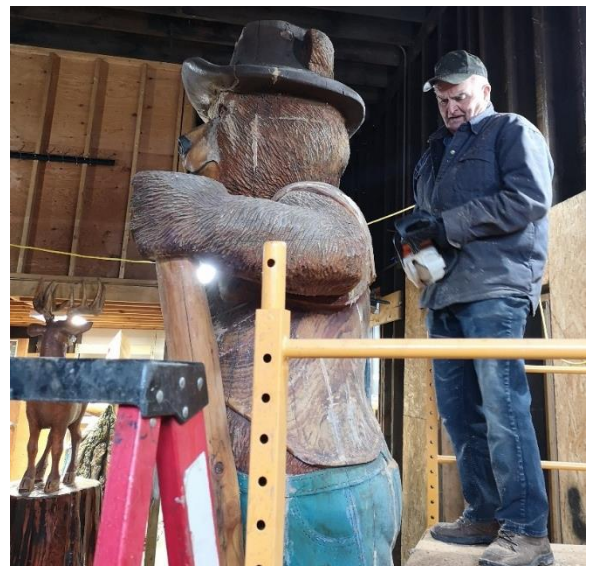
Chainsaw carving maintenance continues. Carvings need to be sanded and cracks filled. New stain and paint is applied with many coats of preservative to ensure more seasons out in the elements.

March will bring a calendar for litter pickups. New vests with the Hope CiB logo on the back have been ordered. Hope CiB Earth Day will feature collections of batteries, cell phones, paint, metal, tires and other items not picked up with recycling. Volunteers will also plan for new May street planter displays featuring the color purple.

And planning has now started for the 2023 Hope Chainsaw Carving Competition August 17-20. The event is held every two years and interest is high. Many carvers from throughout North America have confirmed, newbies and competition winners, and this promises to be the biggest year ever. Hope Communities in Bloom sponsors this event with much support from the CiB volunteers, District of Hope, and many other corporate sponsors. Mark your calendars!

Hope Communities in Bloom is on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/HopeCommunitiesInBloom>

Teresa Williams  
Co-Chair, Hope Communities in Bloom





# 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
PHONE		MUNICIPAL CONTACT EMAIL	
NAME OF COMMUNITY CONTACT OR LOCAL CIB CHAIR		WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY	
PHONE		COMMUNITY CONTACT/CHAIR E-MAIL	
<b>PROGRAM OPTIONS</b> (indicate your level of participation)		<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> Based on Population Size:	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>GROW - MODIFIED EVALUATION - 3 Criteria</b> <b>NEW PROGRAM OPTION!</b> <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. <b>Eligible to win a Criteria Award or the NEW Volunteerism Award</b>		<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"/> <b>BLOOM - FULL EVALUATION - 6 Criteria</b> Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a BLOOM RATING and 18-page Report. <b>Eligible to win a Criteria Award or the NEW BEST OF BC Award</b>		<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"/> <b>FRIENDS - NON-EVALUATED</b> - 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.			
<b>AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>	Population Fee + 5% GST = \$		GST # 8446 03670 RT0001
<b>PLEASE INVOICE US AT</b>	<input type="radio"/> Above Address or		
<b>MAIL FORM &amp; FEE TO</b>	BC Communities in Bloom 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2		← Please note updated info
<b>OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD</b>	at <a href="http://WWW.BCCIB.CA">WWW.BCCIB.CA</a> NOTE: Please email completed form to Catherine at <a href="mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net">c.kennedy@telus.net</a>		
<b>CANCELLATION POLICY</b>	Before May 15th a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.		
<b>CONTACT</b>	Catherine Kennedy, Executive Director <a href="mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net">c.kennedy@telus.net</a> (604) 576-6506   <a href="http://www.bccib.ca">www.bccib.ca</a>		


**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net) before Feb. 28/23.



# 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!**

<b>Membership</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Voting <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Voting (NV)	
Name of Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal?
City/Province/Postal Code:	
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Phone	
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