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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HORTICULTURE IN CANADA

Proclaim 2022 as the [Year of the Garden](#). This celebration will bring together all aspects of Canada’s Garden Family to share their knowledge and help Canadians *Live the Garden Life*.

Never has it been so important to acknowledge how essential greenspaces and social engagement are to our health and happiness. This year, use the Communities in Bloom program to get started *Growing Great Places Together*. Register your municipality in the [provincial edition of BC CiB](#) to encourage community enhancement through horticultural initiatives. Our provincial participants will receive special recognition for Year of the Garden projects as part of their involvement.

Also, we are excited to announce that the [CiB National Symposium and Awards](#) will be held in Victoria October 20-23, 2022.

www.bccib.ca | Register before March 31 | [2022 Registration Form](#)

Get your 2022 Individual Membership Today

Show your support for the BC Communities in Bloom organization. This is also the entry point for future Board members and Judges.

Buttons link to the forms and payment options.



Register your Community!



BC CiB is planning for a regular CiB program. Evaluation takes place in early to mid July and is primarily outdoors, so we expect the judge’s tour can proceed with some simple modifications based on local health authority’s recommendations.



Q&A Zoom Sessions with the BC CiB Team

Contact [Catherine](#) to plan a date and discuss your preferred topic.

Or learn about the **NOVICE PROGRAM** - The who, what, when, why and how of getting a Communities in Bloom group started.

We are looking for a few new Qualified Judges

Do you recognize the value of the CiB program? Think horticulture is a critical part of community life and wellness? Are you a Horticulturalist, Parks Professional, Economic Development, community volunteer specialist?

BC Communities in Bloom is looking for volunteer judges able to train and evaluate at specific times of the year. New judges are paired with a more experienced partner to evaluate communities all over BC.

Think you might be interested? Contact Catherine Kennedy at c.kennedy@telus.net for an application form and to find out more information about the BC Communities in Bloom program go to www.bccib.ca

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



Scotts Canada launches 2022 Gro for Good Grants Initiative

[Apply Now for a
2022 Gro for Good Grant Online](#)

Start planning for the Symposium and Awards



Year of the Garden




National and Provincial Registered Communities receive a **10% discount** from **MARKS COMMERCIAL** Workwear, Footwear, Safety Gear **ONLINE & INSTORE.** Contact Sonia bloom@cib-cef.com for discount info.

- Proclaim 2022 Year of the Garden in your Municipality.
- Commit to be a Garden Friendly City
- National Garden Day is the Saturday before Father's Day
- Visit your favourite garden or discover a new one
- Celebrate your Garden Heritage
- Plant Red to express your Canadian Garden Pride



British Columbia
Communities in Bloom

Membership

2022

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 Directors or Judging

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
<input type="checkbox"/> SEND FORM TO c.kennedy@telus.net Or by Mail	
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Send Form and Fee payable to: BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM 19951 FRASER HIGHWAY LANGLEY, BC V3A 4E2	
604 576-6506	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Paid or <input type="checkbox"/> Send Invoice Invoice number: Membership number:



2022 PROVINCIAL EDITION

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

**REGISTRATION
FINAL DEADLINE:
March 31, 2022**

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	
PROGRAM OPTIONS (indicate your level of participation)		REGISTRATION FEE Based on Population Size:	
<input type="checkbox"/> EVALUATED with VIRTUAL CHECK-UP Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a Bloom Rating and 18-page report. ONLY CATEGORY ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD		<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - \$925
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - \$1025
<input type="checkbox"/> NOVICE with MODIFIED EVALUATION Begin the process of forming OR reengaging a local CiB committee. Get help preparing for future evaluations and learn how to maximize your efforts.		<input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$675	<input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 \$1225
		<input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - \$800 (Plus 5% GST)	<input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - \$1525 (Plus 5% GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS NON-EVALUATED - Half of Registration Fee based on population size noted above			

COMMUNITY RECEIVES:

- Getting Started Package of Information.
- Evaluation by a pair of trained BC CiB facilitators.
- Bloom Rating Certificate (Award 1 to 5 blooms).
- 18+ page Evaluation Report with Comments & Suggestions.
- 5-Bloom Winners receive a special Street Banner.
- Profile on www.bccib.ca 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
- Showcases best features of the Community

AMOUNT ENCLOSED	Population Fee + 5% GST = \$	GST # 8446 03670
PLEASE INVOICE US AT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Address or	
MAIL FORM & FEE TO:	BC Communities in Bloom 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2 ←note updated info	
Or pay by Credit Card		
Pay at www.bccib.ca	Please email completed form to Catherine at c.kennedy@telus.net	604 576-6506
CANCELLATION POLICY:	Before April 30 th a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.	

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Program Options	COST
<p>1. Evaluated with Virtual Check-Up - Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 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 Virtual Check Up on how to support your CiB efforts. Participants are encouraged to request topics. • 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. • Create a Community Profile Document outlining the community’s achievements. Plan a judge’s tour to view community in the 6 evaluation criteria.(additional information is provided in the Getting Started Package). • Host 2- facilitators (judges) TBC 2nd or 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 attendance at 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. • Communities will be presented a Bloom Rating Certificate and a written report at the Provincial Awards & Conference in the fall. Evaluating six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and for future improvements. 	<p>Fee dependent on population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p>This is the ONLY CATEGORY eligible to win a CRITERIA AWARD</p>
<p>2. NOVICE PROGRAM with Modified Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the CiB program with BC CiB Judge/Facilitators and local stakeholders hosted in your community. (Virtual option may be available) • Facilitators will present a PowerPoint, explain the value of a Community Profile Document, and view 3 criteria of your choice: i.e., Floral Displays, Landscape and Tidiness Efforts. A report will be created with some comments for future efforts. • No Evaluation Tour or Community Profile Document to organize but be prepared to host a pair of BC CiB facilitators (meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.) and have 3 - 10 people ready to workshop. 	<p>Fee dependent on population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>
NON-EVALUATED	
<p>3. FRIENDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation. Holds bloom rating one-year. <p>Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project</p>	<p>Half Fee dependent on population size - see Registration Form Front</p>
All Participants will receive recognition on our Website, Map, Press Releases, Fall Awards, GardensBC	
<p>4. COMMUNITY SHOWCASE with Membership</p> <p>Recognition program for individuals, communities, and neighbourhoods of all sizes. Showcase a place or space, a garden helper or how you are using CiB to make a better home, community, and world. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support your participants and volunteers.</p>	<p>See Website for Form</p> <p>Fee dependent on population category.</p> <p>Individual Member \$20</p>