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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Does your Community need

Inspiration?

Enter To Win a Free Virtual Novice Program Entry

- Open to municipalities under 5000 people who would like to grow a **COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM** group for the future.
- BC CiB Facilitators will present a PowerPoint explaining the program to your key stakeholders and work with you to determine next steps.
- Three Winners will be selected **April 23** at our Provincial Judges Training Workshop.
- Please use registration form and select Novice option.
- Given the high cost of travel, the Novice (in-person) with Modified Evaluation is only applicable to paid registrations.

Show your CiB pride!

Develop you own T-shirts or order from National. [Merchandise Order](#)



District of Sicamous with locally made red T-shirts and BC's flag awarded to 2021 provincial participants.





FireSmart™ Communities in Bloom

This Spring, FireSmart BC is launching the FireSmart Plant Program and Landscaping Hub to build awareness of the connection between home gardening & landscaping and wildfire mitigation. The program will be launched in early April and includes participation from over 30 Garden Centres across British Columbia.

As past seasons have proven, wildfire is an important issue in our province.

FireSmart is helping owners take steps in fire prevention through the launch of this program now, in early Spring, in hopes that this awareness campaign will assist in mitigating future wildfires in the Summer.

In addition to the Plant Program, FireSmart has also launched the [Landscaping Hub](#) on the FireSmart BC website. This online space features an interactive Fire-Resistant Plants Tool, Landscaping Tips, as well as information on the FireSmart Plant Program including a map of the participating Garden Centres.

The [fire-resistant plant tool](#) allows users to easily find out which plants are best suited for their geographical area. It will help British Columbians identify the species that grow best in the specific climate where they live, as finding the right plants lowers the risk of structural damage due to wildfire, and FireSmart selections can also increase sustainability, helping to conserve water and attract pollinators.

Apart from picking the right fire-resistant plants, keeping a property FireSmart also involves some easy-to-do and cost-effective landscaping practices which can be found on the [Landscaping Tips & Insights webpage](#).

The [FireSmart BC Plant Program](#) is launching in Garden Centres & Nurseries across the province, where they will display simple, visual tags to allow customers an easy way to see which plants are considered more fire-resistant at the point of purchase.

The launch of the FireSmart Plant Program was widely supported by a number of horticulture experts including Brian Minter of [Minter Country Garden](#) in Chilliwack and Karla Hoffman who has vast technical experience in landscapes – from small residential sites to commercial, university, and municipal grounds. In the lead-up to the Landscaping Hub launch, both experts were recently featured as guests on [The GetFireSmart Podcast](#).

So as you are dreaming up your landscape this Spring, refer to the combination of podcast episodes, programs, and online resources from FireSmart BC. The Landscaping Hub has everything you need to ensure your property is beautiful and FireSmart too.

Start learning and exploring the area today by visiting firesmartbc.ca/landscaping-hub/



If you are seeking more information on what you can do to reduce the risk of wildfire, The FireSmart BC Homeowner's Manual is also an excellent online resource to learn more about reducing the potential impacts of wildfire on your home. It can be accessed online at homeowners-manual.firesmartbc.ca.

FireSmart BC helps build wildfire resiliency and reduce the negative impacts of fire for everyone in the province. Get FireSmart today at www.firesmartbc.ca

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL

CiB National Symposium & Awards

[Start Planning](#) your Visit to Victoria: October 20-23

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Thursday, October 20th

Afternoon: Registration, Set up
Evening: Welcome Reception

Friday, October 21st

Morning: Breakfast, Keynote speaker and Symposium sessions
Noon: Lunch
Afternoon: Technical Visits
Evening: Communities in Bloom Community Showcase Dinner

Saturday, October 22nd

Morning: Breakfast, Keynote speaker and Symposium sessions
Noon: Lunch
Afternoon: Technical Visits
Evening: **BC Provincial**, National and Int. Awards, Banquet Dinner

Sunday, October 23rd

Morning Town Hall Meeting



- 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



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.

RESOURCES:

New CiB Marketing Materials for CiB

One of our primary objectives in the past quarter of a century has been to help grow great places together through the CiB program, helping communities to be the best they can be whatever the weather. We are excited to share these new marketing materials that will help promote the CiB Program.

Also, our board members are available to present in front of council or other organizations/groups, please contact Catherine at c.kennedy@telus.net

CiB Logo Guidelines and Downloads:

<https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/CiB21-NewLogos-VF.zip>

CiB promotional brochure: [How to Participate](#)

Short CiB promotional video:

https://youtu.be/vT8g_DCiyGo

Long CiB promotional video:

<https://youtu.be/WliviKHB7EYw>

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE PaRx PROGRAM?

[A Prescription for Nature](#) This website provides information about the benefits of nature on our health and well-being.

GPs in Canada prescribe patients national parks pass. [Audio and story here](#)

PLANT – GROW - SHARE A ROW PROGRAM

<https://www.growarow.org/>

Upcoming Events:

<https://www.growarow.org/upcoming-events>

COMPOST COUNCIL OF CANADA

<http://www.compost.org/>



2022 PROVINCIAL EDITION

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

**EXTENDED
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE:
April 22, 2022**

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"/> 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"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$600 <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$675	<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"/> NOVICE with MODIFIED EVALUATION <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual 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"/> 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 = \$ RT0001	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>2. 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>3. 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>4. 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>5. 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>