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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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LOOKING FORWARD

After a two-year absence, our Provincial Edition Community Evaluations begin the Week of July 18th. The volunteer teams of Judges are thrilled to be getting back out into your communities!

For many of us, returning to a normal routine has been strange. It would be nice to try to pick up exactly where we left off, but too much has happened during this time. Fires and floods further complicated an already fractured system of 'how we used to do it'. Kudos to our small but mighty list of communities who are redefining their Communities in Bloom programs and are planning to be evaluated this year. Looking to make a great impression from smallest to largest participants are Clinton, 100 Mile House, Sicamous, Armstrong, Hope, Nanaimo. Representatives in our non-evaluated Friends category are Abbotsford, Coquitlam, Parksville and Qualicum Beach with Lake Errock Community Association so far, registered in the Showcase category.

We continue to believe that the Communities in Bloom program serves a worthwhile purpose for leading positive change and celebrating local efforts in our communities.

Thank you for your contribution to this amazing program!

Dear 2022 CiB Communities and Judges,

We have been through a lot over the last two years, and we are so excited to see you in person this summer, but we must not let our guard down!

We have different COVID regulations between provinces and between countries and not wanting to over prescribe, we ask that anyone participating in a judging tour that would like to take their own additional precautions should feel comfortable to do so and that others respect that decision.

Communities may also want to make hand sanitizer, extra masks and COVID test kits available. Equally, judges may wish to carry their own items on their travels.

We ask communities and their members to adhere to the COVID guidelines applicable to your municipality and that these guidelines are made known to our judges.

Keep well and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Bob Ivison – National CiB Judges Chair

Community Profile

Village of Clinton - Population 560

Started CiB in 2005 and has been active for most years since.

Clinton CiB Beautification Society with committee representatives from public works, council rep, social groups, and residents.

Best Garden to Visit or Green Space in the community:

1. Trails Network

Clinton's 'Tin Can', 'Fennell', and 'Cut-Off Valley Creek' multi-use trails are maintained by users, CADOSA (Clinton and District Outdoor Sportsman Association), and the Village Public Works. The trails through pine forest and shaded draws provide great views of the Village and surrounding pastures, and frequent opportunities for wildlife viewing.

2. Cemetery

Clinton's venerable Pioneer Cemetery was established in 1861, on a grassy knoll donated to "the people of Clinton" by hotelier Joseph Lorenzo Smith. For a century and a half, the 4-acre site was maintained by volunteers. Many of the more than fifty trees on the site were planted by families of the interred. Since the Village of Clinton assumed formal ownership in 2015, efforts have been made to xeriscape the grounds.



Clinton Museum Fundraiser for Lytton Museum that burned during the 2021 wildfire.



Community Profile

District of 100 Mile House - Population 1928

Founded back in the 1800's during the Gold Rush, 100 Mile House is a hub for the surrounding area of smaller communities making up a population of approximately 40,000 people during the summer months.

Evaluated in 2019 and received 4-Blooms.

Volunteer committee with Elected Officials, Chamber of Commerce/Business, Social Groups and Residents.

Best Garden to Visit or Green Space in the community: #1 Centennial Park.



#2 main street – Birch Avenue, #3 Community Garden.



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Dear Provincial Participants: these opportunities are offered by Communities in Bloom to all **communities** involved and registered in the program (either provincially or nationally) this year.

2022 Year of the Garden Contest - Open to all Canadian communities registered (all editions) in the Communities in Bloom program. This contest was designed to demonstrate how the Year of the Garden campaign inspired your community. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

2022 Green Cities Award - Open to all Canadian communities. This award champions city leadership in the use of nature-based solutions/green infrastructure for improving the health and well-being of our cities. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

The Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award - Open to all Canadian communities that have a park/garden/green space for which the community was looking for new perspectives. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

WinterLife Award, by Municipal World - The objective of this award is to recognize efforts and involvement in projects and initiatives which engage the community with indoor and outdoor activities from November through March. The **deadline is August 26th, 2022**

NFL School Garden Award – Nutrients for Life, a proud partner of Communities in Bloom, is offering a \$500 grant to support a local school garden, open to all Canadian communities registered (all editions) in the Communities in Bloom program. The **deadline is August 31, 2022**.

CiB Foundation Bursary – 2022 Claudette Savaria Bursary - Each year, the Foundation awards two bursaries to two students registered in a full-time post-secondary program pertaining to ornamental and/or environmental horticulture in an accredited institution and who are involved with their local Communities in Bloom committee, in the national or provincial editions. The **deadline is September 21st, 2022**.

Also, we've updated our 2022 National & International Participants, please click this link to see the list : <https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/program/participants/national-finalists/>

And finally, we are happy to announce the recipients of the 2022 Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection Program : <https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/best-garden-selection/>

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Sincerely, [Sonia](#)



CiB National Symposium & Awards **Start Planning** your Visit to Victoria October 20-23

- Proclaim 2022 Year of the Garden in your Municipality.
- Commit to be a Garden Friendly City
- **National Garden Day is this 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