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# Growing Together

B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

**WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



November 24, Flag presentation to Clinton Village Council



November 22, Community Champion Presentation at Coquitlam City Council:  
L to R Kathleen Reinheimer, Mayor Richard Stewart, Wendy Wiederick

**2022 Registration Information will be updated on the website in the coming weeks.**



## Grow your commUnity Pride in 2022



Communities in Bloom has been serving municipalities across Canada with successful community enhancement initiatives for over 25 years.

In British Columbia, your participation in the CiB program may be one of the highest impact and economical investments that your municipality could make to inspire community well-being and to help with recovery after such a challenging year.

**Community Appearance | Environmental Action | Heritage Conservation | Tree Management | Landscape | Plant and Floral Displays**

### News from National:

**Get ready for 'Year of the Garden':** Plant Red to express your Canadian Garden Pride, Celebrate your Garden Heritage, Commit to being a Garden Friendly City, Proclaim your city's involvement in YOTG.

**Link to National CiB [The Bloom'n News](#):** Virtual Symposium YouTube Links, Donate to the Hugs for Humbolt Garden Project, New National CiB Chair, Results of the Virtual Auction, Save the Date for Victoria, BC 2022 Symposium & Awards Oct 19-22, and more...



# 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	
<b>PROGRAM OPTIONS</b> (indicate your level of participation)		<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> Based on Population Size:	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>EVALUATED</b> with <b>VIRTUAL CHECK-UP</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>ONLY CATEGORY ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - <b>\$500</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - <b>\$600</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - <b>\$675</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - <b>\$800</b> (Plus 5% GST)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - <b>\$925</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - <b>\$1025</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 <b>\$1225</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - <b>\$1525</b> (Plus 5% GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FRIENDS NON-EVALUATED</b> – 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](http://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

<b>AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>	Population Fee + 5% GST = \$ RT0001	GST # 8446 03670
<b>PLEASE INVOICE US AT:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Above Address or	
<b>MAIL FORM &amp; FEE TO:</b>	BC Communities in Bloom 19951 Fraser Highway, Langley, BC V3A 4E2 <span style="background-color: yellow;">←note updated info</span>	
<b>Or pay by Credit Card</b>		
<b>Pay at <a href="http://www.bccib.ca">www.bccib.ca</a></b>	Please email completed form to Catherine at <a href="mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net">c.kennedy@telus.net</a>	604 576-6506
<b>CANCELLATION POLICY:</b>	Before April 30 <sup>th</sup> a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.	

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Program Options	COST
<p><b>1. Evaluated with Virtual Check-Up - Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a local 'in Bloom' committee to build collaboration with residents, businesses, service clubs and a municipal rep. (Councillor, Public Works, Administration or Parks &amp; Recreation staff).</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Host 2- facilitators (judges) TBC 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. 2-nights maximum in separate rooms (Hotel, B&amp;B or Billeting if certain conditions can be met), with meals during evaluation day.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Communities will be presented a Bloom Rating Certificate and a written report at the Provincial Awards &amp; Conference in the fall. Evaluating six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and for future improvements.</li> </ul>	<p>Fee dependent on population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p><b>This is the ONLY CATEGORY eligible to win a CRITERIA AWARD</b></p>
<p><b>2. NOVICE PROGRAM with Modified Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to the CiB program with BC CiB Judge/Facilitators and local stakeholders hosted in your community. (Virtual option may be available)</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<p>Fee dependent on population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>
<p><b>NON-EVALUATED</b></p>	
<p><b>3. FRIENDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation. Holds bloom rating one-year.</li> </ul> <p>Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project</p>	<p>Half Fee dependent on population size - see Registration Form Front</p>
<p><b>All Participants will receive recognition on our Website, Map, Press Releases, Fall Awards, GardensBC</b></p>	
<p><b>4. COMMUNITY SHOWCASE with Membership</b></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>