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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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## Next Registration Deadline for the Non-Evaluated Program is May 31, 2026 - [Form](#)



## REGISTERED TO DATE:

1. Village of Harrison Hot Springs
2. City of Kelowna
3. District of Hope
4. District of 100 Mile House
5. District of Sicamous
6. Village of Chase
7. Lake Errock Community Association
8. Town of Qualicum Beach (TBC)

## Confirmed RBC Grant Participants

9. Village of Fruitvale
10. City of Greenwood
11. Village of Montrose
12. Tourism Sun Peaks (Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality)

## FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 2026 Participants Map Updates T/C
2. Ambassador "Looking Good" T/C

## 2026 AGM and Board Elections for BC Communities in Bloom

via Zoom April 16 – 4:30 pm

All membership is invited to attend. For more information

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ATTENTION ALL COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PARTICIPANTS

# Youth in Action

## Bert Pulles Memorial Award Nomination Form

BC Communities in Bloom Board of Directors is once again honoring a dear friend. Bert Pulles was a champion for the value and benefits of the Communities in Bloom program. He was a board member for many years. Bert was proud to live in Mission and volunteered his time and talents whenever possible. His proudest achievement was his work with students in creating a district wide Mission Schools Garden Program.

This is an award to acknowledge the contribution of young people in our communities.

### NOMINATE YOUTH and their PROJECTS, such as:

- Garden Project or Food Production – state the purpose or who benefits.
- Environmental Action Initiative or Event – feature the key benefit.
- Beautification Efforts or Civic Pride – what is being enhanced the community.
- Youth Community Service - profile initiative, uniqueness, quality.

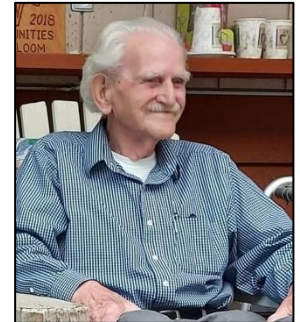
### ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Submit an Entry with up to 3 photos and a 250-word summary.

- All entries will receive recognition and a frameable certificate
- Will be featured in the BC CiB Growing Together Newsletter.
- Photos must be applicable to the project submitted.
- One Nomination per project accepted for Youth 18 or younger (Youth Club, Group, or School)
- Two entries will be selected (by a three-person panel) to receive \$250 prize money.



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Prize Sponsor:



<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>		
Club, Group or School Name		
Location of Project or Date of Event		
Nominator	Phone	Email (required)
Project Leader	Phone	Email (required)
Youth(s) Name (Optional)		
Submit 3 of your best photos with full rights in high resolution (a minimum of 300dpi at print size or a minimum weight of 800kb). These photos will be used by BC Communities in Bloom in our Provincial 'Growing Together' Newsletter.		
<b>Please supply a short description (250 words Maximum) OR as an emailed attached word document.</b>		
Email form: <a href="mailto:catherine.bccib@gmail.com">catherine.bccib@gmail.com</a> or Mail: BC Communities in Bloom, 4451 212 St. Langley, BC V3A 7Z8   <a href="http://www.bccib.ca">www.bccib.ca</a>		
To be recognized in this year's BC CiB Provincial Awards PowerPoint, please enter <b>BEFORE JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 2026</b>		

See last year's entries in the [November Newsletter](#).

# Always Together Rose

**Growing Together.**

**Always Together.**

Communities Supporting Canadians Living With Cancer.



Roses are like messengers of feelings, expressing what words often can't.

The new **Always Together Rose™** rose has undergone seven years of stability trials and two years of propagation by select Canadian growers. It is part of a national campaign led by CNLA, Communities in Bloom, and the Never Alone Cancer Foundation. Additional support is provided through the CNLA New Plant Development Committee and participating growers across Canada.

Since its introduction in 2015, more than 150,000 Never Alone Rose™ plants have been sold across Canada, raising \$210,000 in royalties. These royalties were split between the Never Alone Cancer Foundation and the CNLA Heritage Plant Development Fund, thereby supporting the inspirational cancer support provided by NACF and new ornamental plant breeding investments by CNLA.

With **Always Together**, royalties collected will also support Communities in Bloom.

**Always Together / Toujours Ensemble™ is a dwarf, highly disease-resistant, grown-in-Canada rose:**

- Size: 60–90 cm
- Foliage: New growth slightly reddish, matures to deep green with sharply saw-toothed edges
- Bloom: Continuous and prolific – Emerging from classic red buds, Always Together blooms to display a bright and warm red centre that pushes outward towards a pleasing red edge.
- Zone: Hardy to Zone 3
- Tips: Full sun, good soil fertility, and drainage
- Ideal for: Patio containers (1- and 2-gallon pots)

This campaign is a partnership between the **Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, Communities in Bloom**, and the **Never Alone Cancer Foundation**.



**News from the BCSLA:**

As spring arrives, the BC Society of Landscape Architects is proud to highlight a special member connection to the Canada Post 2026 stamp series. BCSLA Affiliate Member, Brett Hitchins, captured four images for the two-stamp set and its supporting collectibles. This year’s installment of the annual flower series celebrates the season's return through the delicate and ornamental blooms of the ‘Somei-yoshino’ (Prunus yedoensis) and ‘Kanzan’ (Prunus 'Kanzan') cherry trees.

The imagery was captured on-site at the Nitobe Memorial Garden in Vancouver. This project was made possible with the generous support of Douglas Justice, Ryo Sugiyama, and the UBC Botanical Garden. The stamps were designed by John Belisle of Belisle Creative, featuring illustrations by Jenny Liski and field assistance from Jamie Poh and Jenna Gibbs. Members can now find the stamps at Canada Post outlets nationwide.

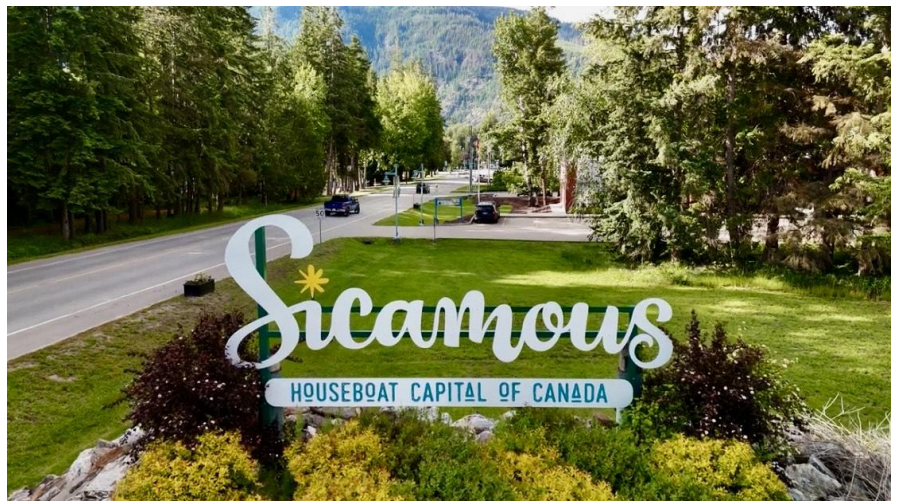
View the full collection on the [Canada Post website](#) and read the [official press release here](#).

**Welcome:**

**Sicamous** is returning as a Friend non-evaluated this year.

**Sun Peaks** is a Mountain Resort community that is working at developing an in-bloom program.

**Montrose** is also a first time participant and is located between Trail and Fruitvale.



More Participant Photos to come:  
Chase and Lake Errock.

Please Note: The recent **Garden Therapy** presentation hosted by The Compost Council of Canada, should be available soon. We will share the recorded link when we have it.

Photo credit – Kelly Funk