

# PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE... Growing Together

## BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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### Its time to 'Grow Your Way'

Past participants have asked for a promotional poster that they can use to attract support for their volunteer efforts. On page 2 there is a sample of the poster that can be customized with local contact information or used as is to promote to key decision makers.

And to keep the puns going: It is time to "sow the seeds" for next year's crop of CiB volunteers and projects. Please let us know if you need speakers or other support documents to engage your community!

### 2016 BC Communities in Bloom Registration Form Available Now

Need more information, and how to get your community on board for next year? Go to our [website](#) or contact Catherine Kennedy at [c.kennedy@telus.net](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net)

### BC CiB Membership 3 ways to show your support

#### Individual

Have you ever considered being a Judge? Membership is the first step in letting us know of your interest in helping our provincial organization. Our judges value the positive experience of traveling the province, meeting people passionate about their community, and writing useful reports with a judging partner. The added benefit you get our monthly newsletters and a voice at the AGM!

#### Showcase

is a simple way to keep your community involved with CiB and to profile special projects or events in our newsletter.

#### Community Membership

has become a way for past and active Communities in Bloom participants to show their support of the provincial organization. In addition to newsletter recognition, member communities are invited to submit a showcase entry for our newsletter too.

### New 2016 Community Memberships:

City of Coquitlam

District of Mission

**This is a Reminder for 2015 Membership Renewals too!**

*"A great program that raises awareness of all the amazing things going on in your community, the judges provide a much needed outsider perspective in a positive manner that encourages all committee members to continue on in their efforts to make the community a better place to live, work and play."*

**Tom Kadla, MBA, AScT, CMC**

**Chief Administrative Officer, Village of Lumby**

# GROW YOUR WAY

## Communities in Bloom

Photo Credit: Angie Bailey, District of Sooke



### CONNECTION

Exchange ideas with other communities

### PARTICIPATION

Engage citizens of all ages and abilities

### BEAUTIFICATION

Enhance your community's quality of life

### HOW TO GET STARTED

1. See what's growing on-line at [www.bccib.ca](http://www.bccib.ca)
2. Connect with others passionate about community
3. Contact the Provincial Coordinator for more info  
Catherine (604) 576-6506 or [c.kennedy@telus.net](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net)

### BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

provides a framework for enhancing community liveability.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 31

for Novice, Evaluated and Non-Evaluated Categories

# What's Growing On

From two of our most northern participants: Chetwynd and Fort St John. The growing season may be short but every judge who has had the opportunity to visit these communities is amazed at how well they 'Grow their Way'.

## Fort St. John Award Presentation

Co-chairs Karen and Candace present the BC CiB Certificate to the City of Fort St. John Mayor and Council.

L to R Gord Klassen - council; Bruce Christensen - council; Dan Davies - council; Byron Stewart - council; Candace Peever - FSJ CiB Committee and North Peace Justice Society; Trevor Bolin - council; Karen Mason-Bennet - FSJ CiB Committee and Northern Environmental Action Team; Larry Evans - council; Mayor Lori Ackerman - City of Fort St John.

Photo: Courtesy of Bronwyn Scott for the Alaska Highway News



## From the Chetwynd Echo

<http://www.chetwyndecho.net/communities-in-bloom/>

Missing from photo: local CiB champion Fire Chief/Emergency Coordinator [Leo Sabulsky](#)



## Communities in Bloom Award

Edward Stanford of Urban Systems, fourth from left, presented the District of Chetwynd Council with a Communities in Bloom Award Monday afternoon at their regular meeting. From left, councillors Bassendowski, Pfanner and Weisgerber, Stanford, Mayor Nichols and councillors Galbraith, Brownlee and Deck. *Photo by Naomi Larsen*

And this just in...

## Mission Communities in Bloom

recognized retiring Kerry Bysouth, Manager of Facilities and Parks for his many years of help and support with some framed certificates. Bert (The Mole Man) Pulles is on the left of Kerry.

**Thanks to all for sharing your good news stories and photos. Keep them coming...**



Thank you for being part of this valuable program,  
Wishing you and yours, the best of the holiday season!

Darlene Kalawsky, Chair/Judge (Castlegar)

Karri Loadman, Vice Chair/Judge (Kamloops)

Shirley Fowler, Treasurer/Judge (Armstrong)

Teresa Williams, Secretary/Judge (Hope)

Don Alberg, Director/Judge (Qualicum Beach)

Edward Stanford, Director (Fort St John)

Myrna Mathews, Director (Mission)

Rea Smith, Director/Judge (Armstrong)

Peter Crawshaw, Director/Judge (Nanoose Bay)

Heather Doheny, Director /Judge (Kelowna)

Bert Pulles, Director (Mission)

Shirley Culver, Judge (Kamloops)

Victoria Bentley, Judge (Sun Rivers Resort Comm.)

Lynette Twigge, Judge (Qualicum Beach)

Catherine Dale, Judge (Burnaby)

Ali Double, Judge (Langley)

Catherine Kennedy, Executive Director  
(Surrey)



This is a great photo to finish off the year. From Whitehorse, Yukon submitted for the Provincial Awards Presentation.

***"What a pleasant surprise this morning to come over the bridge and see this winter wonderland."***

***"Thanks to festive elves busy overnight... makes our early morning commute much brighter."***

***"I have enjoyed seeing the lights. They really do brighten my morning. I love them."***

***"We love the colours and the sheer number of lights on the trees and buildings... thank you."***



***"How SPECTACULAR... the best the city has looked. Makes you proud to live here."***

***"The lights on the trees and shrubs are absolutely beautiful and festive... well done."***