

PEOPLE, PLANTS AND PRIDE...

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BC COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Communities in Bloom Celebrating Canada's 150th

Creative floral displays will be one of the ways communities can participate.

- CiB national sponsor, Home Hardware has been promoting the special Canada 150 bulbs that will create a patriotic show of a new variety of red and white tulips for the spring.
- Another national sponsor, Ball Horticultural has created a floral mosaic template using annuals. Go to <http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/resource-centre/> to see the list of suggested plants.

Look for more information in the coming months on how CiB will be helping to showcase your community's 150 celebrations.



CANADA 150

Note: CiB has been given permission to use this special logo. A link will be provided to all registered participants in the Provincial and National editions in 2017.

National Communities in Bloom Awards in Regina

The City of Coquitlam wins their population category with a 5-Bloom Silver score!



Announced Oct. 29 at the 2016 Communities in Bloom National & International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Regina, Coquitlam was recognized as the winner of the national Over-50,000 population category of this year's Communities in Bloom civic pride and beautification competition. The City of Coquitlam competed against St. John's, Newfoundland.

Coquitlam received a "5 Blooms Silver" rating and a special mention for Mackin House Museum and Mackin Park.

[Read the rest here.](#)

Left to right: Richard Daigneault, Judge; Presenter Nuria Pérez de León, CN; Kathleen Reinheimer, Coquitlam Parks Manager; Stan Kochanoff, Judge and Wendy Wiederick, Coquitlam Parks.



Outstanding Achievement Awards

Left - Castlegar receives the Heritage Conservation Award; Centre - Trail receives the Community Involvement Award; Right - Ms. Kat Enns won the Home Hardware Backyard Contest Grand Prize of a trip to the Symposium and Awards.

Ashcroft - 5 Blooms Bronze

Castlegar - 5 Blooms Bronze

Coquitlam - 5 Blooms Silver

Sun Rivers Resort Community - 5 Blooms

Trail - 5 Blooms Bronze

Kamloops - Non-Evaluated

West Kelowna & Westbank First Nations - Non Evaluated

[Click here to see all the winners in the e-magazine.](#)

News From National:

2016 Symposium and Awards Ceremonies

Regina, Saskatchewan - October 27 to 29, 2016

Thank you to Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

On behalf of all delegates, from Canada, the United States, Ireland, England, Northern Ireland, Italy and Croatia who attended the Healthy Communities - Harvesting the Benefits events in Regina, let us thank the Host Committee along with the SPRA and the CiB staff for working so hard in making the event a success!

The Keynote presentations, session presentations, technical tours all met the expectations and provided excellent educational information and inspirational ideas. The Parks and RecFest allowed the delegates to mix and mingle ...and our International guests to discover how Canadians enjoy Halloween!

Pride of community was, as always, clearly demonstrated throughout the Showcase Dinner and Awards Ceremonies.

Congratulations to all National and International Finalists who, with the support of elected officials, dedication of municipal staff and involvement of citizens are making their communities better places to live in, work in and to visit!

Bob Lewis, National Chair



Founding President Raymond Carriere recently knighted "Sir Lafleur" with "Special Guest".

CN EcoConnexions Community Tree Planting Program

Announces the 50 Recipients Awarded Grants of \$25,000

Communities to receive commemorative plaque, ceremonial tree in honour of Canada's 150th

REGINA, SK - (October 28, 2016) - CN (TSX: CNR) (NYSE: CNI) today announced the names of the 50 communities across Canada that will be awarded grants of \$25,000 to fund local tree planting projects in honour of our nation's 150th anniversary. The 2017 grant awards, the sixth year of the *CN EcoConnexions - From the Ground Up* program launched in partnership with Tree Canada and Communities in Bloom, doubled from 25 to 50 the number of communities that have been awarded grants in previous years.

All the selected communities will each receive a \$25,000 grant from CN, which will include the installation of a commemorative plaque and the planting of a ceremonial tree in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Canada. From British Columbia: Burnaby, Kamloops, Lytton First Nation, Prince George, Prince Rupert, Vancouver and Victoria.

[See the rest of the grant recipients here.](#)



Also announced at the Symposium by Mark Cullen was the Highway of Heroes Tribute "A Tree for Every Fallen Hero"

[See the rest of the announcement here.](#)

“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



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Communities in Bloom

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Catherine (604) 576-6506 or c.kennedy@telus.net

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