



Town of Maple Creek, Saskatchewan

Communities in Bloom - 2019 National & International Edition

5 Blooms – Bronze Landscape Integration

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YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia, September 28th, 2019 —

The Town of Maple Creek received a 5 Blooms – Bronze rating and a special mention for *Landscape Integration* during the 2019 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The Town of Maple Creek participated in the Circle of Excellence - Evaluated category. The community also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for the Home Hardware *Community Involvement Award*.

Over the summer, trained volunteer judges travelled to participating communities to evaluate the overall contributions of municipal council and departments; industry; businesses and the private sector – including volunteer efforts – in regards to the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Colleen Stockford and James Bourgeois wrote:

"The Land of the Living Skies Park is on the main road leading through town. It's at the edge of the Heritage district which leads to the heart of Maple Creek. This park is a green oasis on the street next to the CPR which brightens up the industrial sights and sounds. It's furnished with mature trees, surrounded by a rustic wooden fence and coloured by hanging baskets, planters and borders. The grounds are filled with pebbles instead of lawn, a wise choice where water is scarce. It holds a Farmer's Market every Saturday during the summer and is a choice site for social events. The godmother of this park is Elaine Hawrylak, Town Councillor."

Within the actual context of climate changes and environmental concerns, communities involved in the program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.

For a complete list of the results and the electronic copy of the Communities in Bloom magazine, please visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

About Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. For more information about Communities in Bloom, visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

Communities are evaluated using a “bloom” rating determined by the total score of the evaluation:
0 to 55 %=1 Bloom 56 to 63 %=2 Blooms 64 to 72 %=3 Blooms 73 to 81 %=4 Blooms 82 % and over=5 Blooms

There are four (4) levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to the National and International Edition:
5 Blooms: 82 to 83.9% Bronze: 84 to 86.9% Silver: 87 to 89.9% Gold: 90% and over

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