

## **Media Release – Communities in Bloom Results**

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### **Announcing the 2016 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Provincial Results**

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program, and to recognize all forty-three (43) of the provincial participants after another very successful year. Communities in Bloom participants work towards enhancing their community in relation to the following six (6) criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

The following Provincial Winners excelled in these six (6) criteria:

#### **Population Category 501 – 1,000**

*Town of Gull Lake*

*4 Blooms*

*Special Mention for Community Involvement*

#### **Population Category 5,000 and higher**

*City of Moose Jaw*

*4 Blooms*

*Special Mention for Community Involvement and  
Bike Park Development*

#### **Population Category 1,001 – 2,000**

*Town of Eston*

*5 Blooms*

*Community Profile Book and Centennial Park*

*Note:* The following provides the 2016 Provincial Results and Bloom Ratings within Saskatchewan.

Special recognition must also be given to those communities representing Saskatchewan in the 2016 National Communities in Bloom Competition. The following communities' achievements and the national competition results will be announced at the Communities in Bloom National Symposium on Parks and Grounds, hosted in conjunction with the SPRA Annual Conference in Regina, SK on October 27-29, 2016:

*Village of Denzil  
Town of Kinistino*

*Town of Maple Creek  
City of Humboldt*

*Town of Ituna  
Town of Indian Head*

Through the hard work and dedication of these participants, the Communities in Bloom motto continues to be achieved – *People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together*. Communities in Bloom continues to assist in building communities across Saskatchewan. **Thank you for making Communities in Bloom a success!**

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**For more information about Communities in Bloom, contact Andrew Exelby, SPRA Consultant - Parks and Open Spaces at (306) 780-9262.**



### About the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association:

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is a non-profit member-based organization whose purpose is to promote, develop and facilitate parks and recreation opportunities throughout the province. SPRA is recognized as the provincial umbrella organization representing parks and recreation in Saskatchewan and manages the Recreation Section of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation. In partnership with the Communities in Bloom national organization, SPRA has coordinated the Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program since 1997.

### About Communities in Bloom:

Communities in Bloom (CiB) is a provincial program and national organization that recognizes community participation in projects involving community enhancement, beautification, heritage and environmental awareness. Participants are evaluated on the quality of the municipality's green spaces, dedication to quality of living, general tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage and the level of community involvement. It is a great opportunity for communities to generate civic pride and local participation, while gaining recognition across the country. Communities may choose to be evaluated in the program through either competitive or non-competitive participation categories.

### 2016 Provincial Results:

Community Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
<b>Population 1 – 500</b>			
Town of Fleming	Evaluated Friends	2 Blooms	Communities in Bloom Spirit
Village of Riverhurst	Evaluated Friends	2 Blooms	Beautiful Street Lighting and Street Signs
Village of Middle Lake	Friends Evaluated	2 Blooms	Community Tidiness and Private Gardens
Village of Frontier	Evaluated Friends	1 Bloom	Volunteer Support for Golf Club House
Resort Village of Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Village of Richmond	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Village of Tompkins	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Northern Hamlet of St. George's Hill	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Village of Mankota	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Village of Viscount	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a



<b>Population 501 – 1,000</b>			
Town of Gull Lake – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Community Involvement
Town of Eastend	Competitive	3 Blooms	Municipal Collaborations
RM of Three Lakes/Lucien Lake Area	Competitive	3 Blooms	Anniversary Celebrations for Bethany Pioneer Village
Town of Hague	Novice	2 Blooms	Communities in Bloom Spirit
Town of Aberdeen	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	First Impressions and Veteran's Park
Town of Bienfait	Evaluated Friends	2 Blooms	Community Heritage Recognition
Town of Qu'Appelle	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Balcarres	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Blaine Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Resort Village of Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Lashburn	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Strasbourg	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Springside	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
<b>Population 1,001 – 2,000</b>			
Town of Eston – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	5 Blooms	Community Profile Book and Centennial Park
Town of Shaunavon	Competitive	4 Blooms	Community Profile Book
Town of Kamsack	Competitive	4 Blooms	Overall Tidiness, Trackside Gardens and the Cenotaph
Town of Wynyard	Competitive	3 Blooms	Impressive Civic Centre Complex
Town of Maidstone	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Osler	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Town of Rosetown	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Northern Village of Ile-a la-Crosse	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
<b>Population 2,001 – 3,000</b>			
Town of Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a



<b>Population 5,000 and higher</b>			
City of Moose Jaw – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Community Involvement and Bike Park Development
City of Weyburn	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Community Involvement
Town of Kindersley	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Natural Heritage surrounding the Reservoir
City of Warman	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Outstanding Partnership Examples
City of Melfort	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
City of North Battleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a