

Media Release – Communities in Bloom Results

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Announcing the 2017 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 thirty-three (33) 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

Eastend, SK

4 Blooms

Special Mention for Community Theme:

Discover a Sanctuary for all Your Senses

Population Category 5,000 and higher

Melfort, SK

4 Blooms

Special Mention for Outstanding Community

Involvement

Population Category 1,001 – 2,000

Eston, SK

4 Blooms

Special Mention for Enthusiastic Communities in

Bloom Committee – 18 Years and Going Strong!

Note: The 2017 Provincial Results and Bloom Ratings within Saskatchewan are attached.

Special recognition is also given to those communities that represented Saskatchewan in the 2017 National Communities in Bloom Edition. The following communities' achievements and the National Communities in Bloom Competition Results were recognized at the Communities in Bloom National Symposium on Parks and Grounds, in Ottawa, Ontario on September 13-16, 2017. Maple Creek, SK was declared a National Communities in Bloom Winner! The [National Press Release](#) can be viewed for more information.

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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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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.

2017 Provincial Results:

Community Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
Population 1 – 500			
Riverhurst	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Heritage Conservation
Kyle	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Mortlach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Macoun	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Blaine Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Viscount	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Rockglen	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 501 – 1,000			
Eastend – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Community Theme: Discover a Sanctuary for all Your Senses
Three Lakes Economic Development Region	Competitive	2 Blooms	Partnerships between Three (3) Communities and the Rural Municipality
Hague	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Heritage Conservation
Aberdeen	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Community Involvement
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Springside	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a



Continued: Population 501 – 1,000			
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Lashburn	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 1,001 – 2,000			
Eston – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Enthusiastic Communities in Bloom Committee – 18 Years and Going Strong!
Kamsack	Competitive	4 Blooms	Riverview Cemetery
Wynyard	Competitive	3 Blooms	Wynyard Court House Landscaping
Ile-a la-Crosse	Evaluated Friends	2 Blooms	Community Garden
Maidstone	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Osler	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Shaunavon	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 2,001 – 3,000			
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 5,000 and Higher			
Melfort – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Outstanding Community Involvement
Moose Jaw	Competitive	4 Blooms	Urban Parks and Sport and Recreation Facilities
Weyburn	Evaluated Friends	5 Blooms	Community Tidiness
Estevan	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
North Battleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a