

Media Release – Communities in Bloom Results

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Announcing the 2018 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-eight (38) 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 winners of the Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom program, and all participants involved, will be recognized at the annual SPRA Awards Gala during the 2018 SPRA Conference being held in Maple Creek, SK from October 17-20, 2018.

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

Population Category 501 – 1,000

Eastend, SK

4 Blooms

Special Mention for Town Square

Population Category 5,000 and higher

Melfort, SK

5 Blooms

Special Mention for Twenty Roadside Attractions

Population Category 1,001 – 2,000

Eston, SK

4 Blooms

*Special Mention for Fortitude of the CiB
Committee*

Note: The 2018 Provincial Results and Bloom Ratings within Saskatchewan are attached.

Special recognition is also given to those communities that are representing Saskatchewan in the 2018 National Communities in Bloom Edition. The following communities' achievements will be recognized and the National Communities in Bloom Competition Results will be announced at the Communities in Bloom National Symposium on Parks and Grounds, in Strathcona County, Alberta on September 26-29, 2018.

Denzil

Kinistino

Maple Creek

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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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.

2018 Provincial Results:

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
Population 1 – 500			
Riverhurst	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Dedicated and Committed Volunteers
Kyle	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Craik	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
Rural Municipality of Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Preston Park II Retirement Residence	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 501 – 1,000			
Eastend – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Town Square
Three Lakes Economic Development Region	Competitive	4 Blooms	Regional Volunteer Commitment
Wolseley	Evaluated Friends	5 Blooms	Community Pride
Qu'Appelle	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Impressive and Inviting Main Street



Population 501 – 1,000 (continued)			
Naicam	Novice	3 Blooms	Planter Adoption by Businesses
Aberdeen	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Springside	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
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	Fortitude of the CiB Committee
Wynyard	Competitive	3 Blooms	\$1.2 million invested in the Wynyard Comprehensive Recycling Centre
Ile-a la-Crosse	Evaluated Friends	2 Blooms	Impressive Integrated Health and Education Facility
Maidstone	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
St. Walburg	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 2,001 – 3,000			
Outlook	Novice	4 Blooms	Bringing Beauty to an Important Intersection
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Battleford	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a
Population 5,000 and Higher			
Melfort – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	5 Blooms	Twenty Roadside Attractions
Moose Jaw	Competitive	4 Blooms	Sold Out – Community Garden Plots
Humboldt	Competitive	4 Blooms	Original Humboldt Heritage Site
North Battleford	Competitive	4 Blooms	Beautiful Floral Displays & Enthusiastic Archivists
Weyburn	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Heritage through-out the Community
Estevan	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Community Tidiness
Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	n/a