



BACKGROUND

2023 Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Participants and Results

Participant Name	Category	Bloom Rating	Special Mention for
Population 1 – 500			
Riverhurst	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	Seed drill planter at the top of Main Street
Craik	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Manitou Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Shields	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Denzil	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Saskatchewan Beach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 501 – 1,000			
Eastend – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Tree management and natural tree nursery
Eston	Competitive	4 Blooms	Beautiful and diverse floral displays
Carrot River	Evaluated Friends	3 Blooms	Container plants on Main Street
St. Walburg	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	Overall tidiness of the entire community
Turtleford	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Kerrobert	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Qu'Appelle	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Coronach	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Dundurn	Friends	non-evaluated	-

Population 1,001 – 2,000			
Shellbrook – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	3 Blooms	Tree Planting Partnership Project at the Golf Course
Langham	Tourist's Takeaway	4 Blooms	New gateway entrance sign
Fort Qu'Appelle	Tourist's Takeaway	5 Blooms	Communities in Bloom floral bed at the cemetery
Île-à-la-Crosse	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Rosthern	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Creighton	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Candle Lake	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Davidson	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 2,001 – 3,000			
Moosomin – <i>Winner!</i>	Competitive	4 Blooms	Community/business support and volunteers
Outlook	Evaluated Friends	4 Blooms	War memorial with three plinths and Flanders Field poppies
Assiniboia	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Pilot Butte	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Maple Creek	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 3,001 – 4999			
Nipawin	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Population 5,000 and higher			
Martensville	Novice	3 Blooms	Beautiful and expansive water features throughout parks
Moose Jaw	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Humboldt	Friends	non-evaluated	-
Prince Albert	Friends	non-evaluated	-

Saskatchewan Communities in Bloom Special Recognition Award Recipients
Community Appearance Award
Coronach - Old Coronach Street Festival Museum Murals

Four Murals were completed throughout the community by the Old Coronach Street Festival Committee. Two murals were completed in the downtown area within the last three years, and accompanying pocket parks were completed following the demolition of vacant buildings. In 2023, two more murals were completed at the Coronach District Museum. Both murals represent agriculture over the years.

The completion of murals at the museum was significant to the community as the aging exterior of the museum needed a refresh. The murals were placed on two different sides of the building. A lot of work was done to repair the walls prior to painting the murals. These murals are revitalizing the community pride in the museum and are the first step in painting the remainder of the building.

Environmental Action Award
Eastend - Southwest Waste Management Authority Regional Landfill

The Southwest Waste Management Authority Regional Landfill is an excellent example of what communities that collaborate can achieve. The landfill is managed by a Regional Board formed by the Town of Eastend, the Town of Shaunavon, RM of White Valley No.49, RM of Grassy Creek No. 78, RM of Arlington No. 79, and the RM of Bone Creek No. 108.

In addition to operating a busy regional landfill, Manager Kylie Entem and her team have been planting trees and perennial plants. 450 trees were planted in 2023, including: chokecherries, lilacs, and poplars. Perennial gardens were also created. A pond to collect water from the site and nourish the trees was built along with tanks to collect rainwater from the building roofs. "Just because it is a dump, that doesn't mean it has to look or smell like one," Entem said.

Heritage Recognition Award
Craik - Communities in Bloom Peace Pole Project

The Craik Communities in Bloom Peace Pole Project was created in response to information brought back from Dunedin, Florida by committee chairperson Glenn Hymers, where he saw a peace pole in a downtown park during a visit to the area. The Craik CiB committee supported the concept and decided to create its own set of three peace poles for the Craik community. Community representatives of diverse ethnic and linguistic backgrounds were invited to participate by submitting a translation of the central peace pole message, "May Peace Prevail On Earth," and then apply the translation to one of the 11 available sides of the three peace poles. The following languages including Braille now appear on the Craik community peace poles: Plains Cree, Thai, Korean, Spanish, Filipino, French, German, Afrikaans, Ukrainian, Swedish, and English.

These languages reflect the community's long heritage of European immigration and associated ethnic and linguistic diversity, as well as the current ethnic and linguistic diversity characterizing many small communities in the province. The peace poles and associated information panels

were installed in Cornerstone Park, a central location in the downtown core. Students of Craik School also created their own peace pole just outside the school's main entrance. The Craik CiB committee believes the Peace Poles have provided a way for the community to consider an important message and reflect on the community's diverse history and present.

Volunteer Recognition Awards

Communities in Bloom would not exist without dedicated volunteers. This year, two separate groups from two different CiB communities are being recognized. Both have had a great impact at their communities. Thank you for your dedication and volunteer efforts!

Coronach - Old Coronach Street Festival Committee

The Old Coronach Street Festival Committee (OCSF) consists of four individuals who organize an annual one-day event filled with family fun, entertainment, car show, vendor market and more. The goal is to raise enough sponsorship to cover the expenses of the event. Any proceeds the event makes go to beautification projects in the community.

Through the proceeds they have raised in the last three years, the committee has completed four large murals and purchased six large self-watering pots. The murals have enhanced the downtown as well as the museum, and the flowerpots were placed at the main downtown intersection and near the statue of Coronach the Racehorse. Coronach is lucky to have this group going above and beyond in helping the community look great!

Moosomin - McNaughton High School's Environmental Science Class

The Environmental Science class at McNaughton High School helped with many Communities in Bloom projects over the course of May and June. They planted trees at Bradley Park as part of the community's 1,000 tree strategy and planted memorial trees at the Labyrinth. The group helped with clean-up at the lake, planted flowers at Dr. Davidson Park, and helped with odd jobs everywhere such as cleaning up deadfall, painting, and landscaping.

Community Spirit Award

Saskatchewan Beach - Communities in Bloom Activities and Excitement of Residents

Communities in Bloom activities have captured the excitement of the community with most residents embracing the national theme colour of purple in 2023. A flowerpot competition was held in 2023, with almost all the entries featuring purple displays and prizes awarded to the top three. Winners were selected by secret ballots cast by the residents. For a third year, flowerpots were planted throughout the community, increasing the popularity of community floral displays.

Floral Displays Award

Moosomin & District Regional Park for their Floral Displays throughout the Regional Park

Moosomin & District Regional Park is a proud part of the Moosomin Communities in Bloom initiative. There are multiple flower displays throughout the regional park that people can enjoy. Most of the work done on these displays was completed by volunteers. There are four big displays, located at the entrance of the park, at the park sign, near the park store and across from the park store. These strategically placed displays feature aspects of Saskatchewan and Canada,

including a steel prairie lily, an old dock, water skis, an inuksuk, canoe, and others. The regional park embraced the colour purple throughout these displays.

“Take a Shot!” Photo Contest Winners

1st Place



Photo taken by Rosa B. Vázquez in Eastend, Saskatchewan. Artists completing a mural on the side of a home along Red Coat Drive in Eastend

Selected for its illustration of Eastend Artists at work with paint spatters, smiles and a wonderful work of art resulting in a great addition to the year-round beauty of Eastend.

2nd Place



Photo taken by Gwen Eyre in Craik, Saskatchewan. Children enjoying themselves in Cornerstone Park in Craik

Selected for its representation of how a park's blooming season can be extended into the fall, with happy smiles and a bounty of fall vegetables and colours.

3rd Place



Photo taken by Canadian James Photography for the Town of Coronach, in Coronach, Saskatchewan. Coronach the Racehorse, who won the Epson Derby in England in 1926, located along Railway Avenue in Coronach

Selected for its recognition of the Town's namesake, with an interesting grouping of the statue and year-round landscape features such as the fencing and flag poles.