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Announcing the 2013 Saskatchewan *Communities in Bloom* Provincial Winners

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Saskatchewan *Communities in Bloom* program and, after a very successful year, recognize all of the participants.

Communities in Bloom (CiB) is a provincial and national program that recognizes community participation in projects involving community development, 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.

Participants of *Communities in Bloom* work towards improving their community in regards to the following six criteria: tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape and floral displays.

The following Provincial Winners excelled in these six criteria:

Population Category 1 - 500

Village of Mortlach

Special Mention for Heritage Conservation

Population Category 501 - 1,000

Town of Ituna

Special Mention for Community Pride and Hospitality

Population Category 1,001 - 2,000

Town of Wynyard

Special Mention for Bosworth Street Appeal

Population Category 5,001 - 10,000

City of Melfort

Special Mention for Walking Trails and Community Pride

SPRA congratulates the 42 communities that participated in the Provincial Edition of the program:

Village of Mortlach	Town of Ituna	Town of Indian Head
RM of Three Lakes/Lucien Lake Area	Town of Qu'Appelle	Town of Kerrobert
Hamlet of Kronau	Town of Strasbourg	Town of Maidstone
Village of Kennedy	Town of Eastend	Town of Rosthern
Village of Hazlet	Town of Gull Lake	Town of Osler
Village of Young	Town of Balcarres	Town of Fort Qu'Appelle
Village of Viscount	Town of Lashburn	Town of Rosetown
Resort Village of Manitou Beach	Town of Dundurn	White City/Emerald Park
Town of Turtleford	Town of Blaine Lake	Town of Battleford
Town of Star City	Town of Wynyard	City of Melfort
Resort Village of Candle Lake	Town of Eston	City of Martensville
Village of Meath Park	Town of Oxbow	City of North Battleford
Village of Richmond	Town of Birch Hills	City of Weyburn
Town of Hafford	Town of Davidson	City of Prince Albert

Special recognition must also be given to those communities that represented Saskatchewan in the 2013 National *Communities in Bloom* program. The following communities' achievements are being recognized at the National Awards and Symposium in Ottawa, Ontario:

Village of Denzil	Town of Kinistino	Town of Kindersley
City of Humboldt	Town of Assiniboia	Town of Maple Creek

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

SPRA is a non-profit member organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life in the Province. SPRA provides parks and recreation services and support to Saskatchewan communities and advocates on behalf of the recreation and parks field at the local, provincial and national level. SPRA is funded by the Saskatchewan Lotteries.

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