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### **Announcing the 2014 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, 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: 501 - 1,000

*Town of Ituna*

*Special Mention for Overall Tidiness*

Population Category: 1,001 - 2,000

*Town of Eston*

*Special Mention for Floral Displays and Community Involvement*

Population Category: 2,001 - 3,000

*Town of Maple Creek*

*Special Mention for Sign Corridor Design and Themed Heritage District*

Population Category: 5,000 and higher

*City of Melfort*

*Special Mention for Urban Forestry and Impressive Profile Book*

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

Village of Viscount	Resort Village of Candle Lake	Town of Davidson
Village of Tompkins	Town of Wolseley	Town of Carlyle
Town of Craik	Town of Balcarres	Town of Kerrobert
Village of Waseca	Town of Strasbourg	Town of Maidstone
Resort Village of Manitou Beach	Town of Lashburn	Town of Osler
Town of Turtleford	Town of Cut Knife	Town of Maple Creek
Town of Star City	Town of Eston	Town of Fort Qu'Appelle
Village of Richmond	Town of Wynyard	Town of Rosetown
Town of Hafford	Town of Wadena	Town of Unity
Town of Ituna	Town of Rosthern	Town of Battleford
Town of Qu'Appelle	Town of Shaunavon	City of Melfort
Town of Gull Lake	Northern Village of Ile-a-la-Crosse	City of Moose Jaw
Town of Eastend		City of North Battleford
Town of Blaine Lake	Town of Oxbow	City of Prince Albert

Special recognition must also be given, to those communities that represented Saskatchewan in the 2014 National *Communities in Bloom* program. The following communities' achievements were recognized in September at the National Parks and Grounds Symposium and Awards in Charlottetown, PEI:

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