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The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Announces the 2012 *Communities in Bloom* Provincial Winners

After another very successful year of *Communities in Bloom* (CiB), the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is pleased to recognize all of Saskatchewan's 2012 Participants and acknowledge the winners of the Saskatchewan Edition of the CiB program.

CiB is a provincial and national program that recognizes community participation in projects involving beautification, heritage and environmental awareness. Participants are judged on the quality of the municipality's green spaces, diversity and originality of its landscaping, general tidiness, environmental awareness, heritage and the level of community involvement. As a result, a great opportunity exists for communities to generate civic pride and local participation, while gaining recognition across the country.

Participants of the CiB program work towards improving their community in regards to the following eight criteria: tidiness, environmental action, community involvement, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, floral displays, and turf and groundcovers.

The following Provincial Winners excelled in these eight criteria:

Population Category 1 - 500
Town of Eatonia
Special Mention for Remarkable Tidiness

Population Category 501 - 1,000
Town of Ituna
Special Mention for Overall Tidiness of the Community

Population Category 1,001 - 2,000
Town of Indian Head
Special Mention for Volunteer Recognition

Population Category 10,001 - 20,000
City of North Battleford
Special Mention for Volunteerism and Community Pride

SPRA congratulates the 33 communities that participated in the Provincial Edition of the program:

Town of Eatonia	Town of Balcarres	Town of Rosthern
Resort Village of Manitou Beach	Town of Lashburn	Town of Osler
Hamlet of Kronau	Town of Strasbourg	Town of Davidson
Town of Star City	Town of Turtleford	Northern Village of Ile-a la Crosse
Village of Meath Park	Town of Dundurn	Town of Maple Creek
Village of Richmound	Town of Indian Head	Town of Rosetown
Town of Hafford	Town of Eston	Town of Unity
Town of Kyle	Town of Wynyard	Town of Battleford
Town of Ituna	Town of Oxbow	City of Melfort
Town of Qu'Appelle	Town of Kerrobert	City of North Battleford
Resort Village of Candle Lake	Town of Maidstone	City of Prince Albert

Special recognition must also be given to those communities that represented Saskatchewan in the 2012 National *Communities in Bloom* program. The following communities' achievements are being recognized at the National Awards and Symposium in Edmonton, Alberta:

Village of Denzil, Circle of Excellence - non-competitive
Town of Kinistino, Competitive - population category 1 - 1,200
Town of Kindersley, Competitive - population category 3,001 - 6,500
City of Humboldt, Competitive - population category 3,001 - 6,500
Town of Assiniboia, Competitive - International Small

Through the hard work and dedication of these participants, the CiB motto continues to be achieved – *People, Plants and Pride…Growing Together*. Compliments go out to *all* participants for their efforts in support of CiB. ***Thank-you for making CiB a success!***

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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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