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City of Terrace

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**Community:** Terrace

**Province:** British Columbia

**Category:** Evaluated Population 10,001 – 20,000

The evaluation is based on 8 criteria, divided into the 6 following sections, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

<b>Tidiness</b>	122.00	/	150.00
<b>Environmental Action</b>	108.50	/	150.00
<b>Heritage Conservation</b>	133.50	/	150.00
<b>Urban Forestry</b>	128.00	/	175.00
<b>Landscape</b>	152.50	/	200.00
<b>Floral Displays</b>	147.00	/	175.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>791.50 / 1000.00</b>

**Percentage:** 79.15%

**Bloom rating:** 4 Blooms

**Bloom rating:** Up to 55%: 1 bloom. 56% to 63%: 2 blooms. 64% to 72%: 3 blooms. 73% to 81%: 4 blooms. >82%: 5 blooms.

National and International Edition, for evaluated communities only.

82 to 83.9%: 5 Blooms. 84 to 86.9%: 5 Blooms (Bronze). 87 to 89.9%: 5 Blooms (Silver). 90% and over: 5 Blooms (Gold).

- A community does not have to be entered in a competitive category, but will need to be evaluated.

**Mention:** Heritage Park Museum

### Representative (s) of Community

Name: Kerry Giesbrecht Function: President, GTBS

Name: Dave Gordon Function: Vice President, GTBS

Name: Chris Hansen Function: Treasurer, GTBS

### Judges

Name: Alison Double Name: Shirley Gratton

### Evaluation

**date:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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## IMPORTANT NOTES:

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.

Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.

The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the evaluation is based on the perception of the current judges.

## SECTORS OF EVALUATION

### **Municipal:**

- Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes
- Properties owned and run by municipality such as museums, historical sites

### **Business and Institutions:**

Properties owned and managed by

- **Business:** commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants
- **Institutions:** schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (such as YMCA, Legion), private museums, government and crown corporation buildings (such as Canada Post)
- **Tourism bureaus and Chamber of Commerce offices**
- **Farms:** in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section

### **Residential:**

- Citizens and citizen groups acting within their own properties
- Residential property owners, rate payer groups

### **Community Involvement:**

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it is considered in each segment of the evaluation.

- Individuals, community organizations and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement, including municipal spaces maintained through the efforts of volunteers and community
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations
- Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the municipality, businesses and institutions.

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### GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Home to around 11,486 people, with the Skeena River running by, Terrace is blessed with mountains, lush vegetation, forestry and over 40km of trails. We were told the climate can be harsh in winter, yet spring onwards provides more than ideal growing conditions. Terrace was once called “the breadbasket of the northwest” and even now, trees can almost grow too rapidly. What a problem to have!

We would like to thank you all for your warm and welcoming hospitality and especially the evening reception giving us opportunity to meet Terrace dignitaries and honorary citizens, councillors, committee members and supporters. **Thank you for participating in your first year in Communities in Bloom.** Congratulations on all your hard work, enthusiasm and accomplishments. Your community spirit, teamwork and dedication to the beautification of Terrace and the environs are commendable, and it is wonderful to see the added richness and diversity that participation from our northern communities brings to the program.

The varied tree canopy is really marvellous to see and cannot be overstated, it can be fully appreciated from a number of the viewpoints especially Kalem Hill. Terrace is Canada’s northern most latitude for growing soft fruits...and indeed we saw a great deal of fruit and vegetables in a wide variety of settings throughout our stay.... a notable trend towards homesteading and food security. No wonder the Farmer’s Market has around 75 booths! Thank you Dave Gordon for tracking down “The Snacking Fence” for us.

Terrace has a wealth of fascinating heritage and history; the First Nation people of Terrace still occupy the same land as their ancestors did! A very high quality of interpretative signage throughout Terrace promotes the important combined roles of the First Nations, timber industry, steamships, the railway and river, and early pioneers.

Judging signage was everywhere (including the airport and City Hall) - a wonderful way of demonstrating that you are proud participants in the CiB program. We also really must congratulate you on how you connect and promote GTBS (Greater Terrace Beautification Society) within your community with an up to the minute Facebook page and series of You Tube “shorts”.

We acknowledge that it is challenging, particularly during difficult economic times, balancing new projects, ongoing maintenance, longevity and volunteer capacity. We applaud your very careful evaluations at the beginning of each new project but most especially the large projects you are involved with.

You have outstanding support from community and local business...don’t be afraid to shout this from the roof tops to your judges next year! Meeting of city staff on the tour, who can share a wealth of information, is also of a key benefit to judges.

We would like to invite your continued participation in the program as you grow towards further success; 2017 is the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Terrace, a great opportunity to show visitors and CiB judges your continued community celebration of built, natural and cultural heritage!

Allie & Shirley

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### Special Mention:

#### Heritage Park Museum

A wide variety of heritage houses, cabins and workshops crammed full of artifacts and stories are very much brought to life by curator Kelsey Wiebe's knowledge and enthusiasm. The immaculate buildings and grounds are complimented by heritage plantings from historic properties and families within Terrace. They tell their own stories through plants, such as the Thornhill Honeysuckle from 1890's and the famous Skeena Valley Wonder Strawberries from the 1920's. Truly living history! The vibrant colours of the Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden, with 700 tulips planted by school children and members of the community, further reinforces the community connection. The new Oral History project, marks an exciting milestone in Terrace's living history, with 50 interviews completed and more to do!

It is a great educational resource, a huge "must see" for tourists, home to a volunteer base (1,000 hours last year), and a horticultural asset as plants are divided and shared with the community. What a gem!

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<b>TIDINESS</b>		
<p>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions and the residents throughout the community. Elements for evaluation are parks and green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots, signs and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti prevention/removal and vandalism deterrent programs.</p>		
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Municipal</b>		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	10	9
Community anti-litter awareness programs	10	7
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, unsightly private property maintenance by-laws, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	5
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers etc.)	15	12
Visual appeal, and condition of municipal buildings and properties (including City Hall grounds),	15	12
<b>Business &amp; Institutions</b>		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	13.5
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	13
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4
<b>Residential</b>		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	17
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	13
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)	10	9
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community clean-up programs	10	7.5
<b>Tidiness Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>122.00</b>

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## TIDINESS

### Observations:

The Northwest Regional Airport (Terrace and Kitimat) was spotless as we arrived, even during the current terminal expansion.

The Garbathon – a 30yr long standing community commitment within Terrace – Absolutely fantastic!

The continuing tidiness efforts by Rotary and many other groups is to be applauded.

The Provincial Networking Group Inc (PNGI) is a great initiative.....a local agency specializing in promoting employment for people with disabilities. It was excellent to see their crew out and about, busy keeping Terrace tidy before and during judging, and clearly very happy in their work.

The town is very tidy; all the malls that we saw were extremely well kept...especially Skeena Mall which was busy at all times of the day.

Good to hear of the new bylaw enforcement position, and to see city councillors and staff supporting clean up efforts; also the article/photo opportunity in the newspaper...continue to build upon this initiative.

All school and sports grounds that we saw were very well cared for and no sign of litter.

What a great partnership working with the City, Terrace Downtown Improvement Association (TDIA) and the Greater Terrace Beautification Society (GTBS), the vision in bringing local businesses together and working collaboratively is instrumental to regeneration. What a great initiative the Façade Grant is!

The Heritage Park Museum was immaculate, as we toured the site it was busy and well used but kept in tip top condition (even after a bus packed full of visitors from Pennsylvania).

### Recommendations:

- Following the success of the Green Brigade (Southside Residents) and work with the Air Cadets, perhaps GTBS could encourage even more residents /community areas to form further “Green Brigades” or similar.
- GTBS – keep up the good work and continue to inspire new volunteers to assist you in your maintenance and ongoing projects. Perhaps a GTBS booth at the hugely successful Farmers Market might be a way of promoting the work that you do and also recruit new volunteers.
- The sandwich board volunteer sign boards are a really great idea while you work on projects...perhaps also GTBS hi-visibility vests or T-shirts may help further raise the profile of the work you do whilst you work.



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<b>ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION</b>		
<p>Environmental action pertains to the impact of human activities on the environment and the subsequent efforts and achievements of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices for waste reduction and landfill diversion, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.</p>		
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Municipal</b>		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	14
Waste reduction to landfill and results (3-R: reduce, reuse and recycle), municipal composting programs, including activities such as composting sites, yard waste collections, mulching of wood debris (Christmas trees, hedge trimmings, etc.), reclamation of cut trees, and handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection and reuse of compost material	20	13
Water conservation and use-reduction programs such as or promotions, efficient irrigation, use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	15	12
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), and initiatives such as: efficient appliances initiatives, shielding for night skies issues, efficient street lighting	15	11
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: - Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways; Horticultural practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales, permeable surfaces and rain water management - Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation - Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission (carbon reduction).	10	6.5
<b>Business &amp; Institutions</b>		
Participation in the environmental effort: such as waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	7
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (ex. environmental clean-up activities)	10	7
<b>Residential</b>		
Participation in the 3-R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiatives and composting	10	7
Adoption of water conservation practices such as rainwater collection and rain gardens	15	11
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	4
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	8
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8
<b>Environmental Action Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>108.50</b>

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

### Observations:

The Animal Control Bylaw which supports residents having backyard chickens and bees in all areas of town is worthy of praise. We saw many gardens with bee hives; no doubt with all the lush vegetation Terrace has some very 'happy' bees and delicious honey!

The beautification of Brolly Square transformed an unloved and contaminated site into a popular meeting area and has been a great deal of hard work. The unified commitment by all the many parties involved has certainly given the heart of Terrace a boost.

We heard of the difficulties a northern community faces with regard to recycling, and we were delighted to hear about the new curbside initiative including the Yard Waste Collection (spring to fall).

It was interesting to hear about work completed on the Skeena River by local companies employed by the City of Terrace. One company hired members of the neighbouring First Nation to harvest cottonwood and willow whips from their traditional territory which they planted along the river, providing a natural vegetation bioengineered zone. These planted whips will slow the flood currents so that river sediments settle out, thus raising the bank elevation and reduce future flood risk.

We heard of the difficulty Public Works have for road maintenance given the Terrace Winters, so it was interesting to see a Public Works crew restoring road paving during the tour.

The "preview" the judges got of the new Parks & Recreation Master Plan was very interesting, and heartening to hear that a combination of key stakeholder's vision along with community consultation and Terrace's entry into the CiB program, has been instrumental in bringing this document to fruition. Well done to everyone involved!

### Recommendations:

- Great work with the Brolly Square site; it will be inspiring to other communities to hear how you moved this project forward, and hopefully you can consider other similar sites in town to work your magic on.
- Continue to promote and raise awareness of the Recycling program. Next year consider a display board showcasing how you have promoted and engaged the community or show sample leaflets, photographs of community participation, event days and data/graphs on how this important scheme has moved forward towards targets.
- Next year it would be beneficial to include Recycling Service literature/information/facts and figures to present to the Judges either personally, in welcome packs or as a feature in your Community Profile Book.
- The Visit Terrace tourism brochure is very informative, and useful to include for judges in the welcome pack. Might there be an opportunity to feature GTBS success in the 2017 publication?

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<b>HERITAGE CONSERVATION</b>		
<p>Heritage conservation includes efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Preservation of natural heritage pertains to policies, plans and actions concerning all elements of biodiversity including flora and fauna ecosystems and associated geological structures and formations. Cultural conservation refers to the heritage that helps define the community including the legacy of tangible (built/hard assets) elements such as heritage buildings, monuments, memorials, cemeteries, artifacts, museums and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The participation of groups such as historical societies and conservation groups are considered.</p>		
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Municipal</b>		
Natural heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs	10	9
Natural heritage management plans and preservation initiatives: including eco systems, eco parks, protection of sensitive habitats, species at risk, support for at risk pollinators, grasslands, naturalization, wetlands, urban agriculture/farming, and wildlife	15	13
Management and promotion of natural heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	13.5
Cultural heritage polices, by-laws and plans and preservation initiatives for heritage buildings, cemeteries, artefacts, museums, monuments, heritage trees and gardens, including their integration with streetscapes and landscape	15	14
Cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	10	8.5
<b>Business &amp; Institutions</b>		
Conservation, restoration and integration of natural heritage, including eco parks, conservation areas, heritage gardens, trees and landscapes.	15	13.5
Conservation, restoration and, reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts including their integration with the built/hard, streetscapes and green landscapes	10	8.5
<b>Residential</b>		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of heritage buildings, artefacts on residential lands.	10	8.5
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual natural heritage programs including developing policies and plans, site improvements and management, conservation and education initiatives.	15	13
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including environmental groups) in community initiated natural heritage activities and programs.	15	13.5
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual cultural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	10	9.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including historical societies) in community initiated cultural heritage activities and programs.	10	9
<b>Heritage Conservation Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>133.50</b>

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## HERITAGE CONSERVATION

### Observations:

We saw high quality heritage signage.... congratulations to Terrace Regional Historical Society, Heritage Park Museum, Terrace Public Library, local historian Yvonne Moen and many others for all your work and dedication.

Heritage Park Museum is a true jewel in your community and the varied educational outreach programs are an important community asset. Great that you are looking to the future too with the Time Capsule. Heritage really is your gem.

Terrace has a full calendar with a variety of Days, Festivals, Fairs and Events, and this continues into winter with winter lights, parades and festivals. The Aboriginal and Riverboat Days both are huge community celebrations; they sound SO much fun we are sad that we couldn't participate in them! 70 events over a 10-day period- amazing!! What a great way of keeping your history and very fabric of Terrace's past and indeed present, alive and well.

What a superb idea, by "Visit Terrace Kermodei Tourism", to offer a Community Bike Loan program and fishing rods and tackle boxes (deposit). There is no better way to get visitors out into the great outdoors and to sample the best that Terrace has to offer.

We were fortunate enough to visit Geo McKay, a local carver of tremendous talent, based in the historic George Little House. The longhouse at Northwest Community College showcases spectacular local talent. There is more to see at Kitselas Canyon National Historic Site: in particular the totems and 4 longhouses with beautiful exhibits of basket weaving, painting, silversmithing, marquetry and petroglyph casts. What a joy to discover such knowledge, wisdom and experience; thank you Web Bennett for sharing your stories.

Kitsumgallum Cemetery "Pioneer Graveyard" is a key element in the Community Heritage Register, telling over 100 years of stories. What a peaceful and well kept resting place for many of the city's pioneers and forefathers. Excellent narrative signage along with recently installed gateway and railings show how much care is placed on this site, by the community and the many people who work to maintain it.

The Flywheel at the side of Highway 16 is a great feature bed reflecting Terrace's history, the sustainable planting is a great draw for beneficial insects and the attention to detail with the "Mountain Compass". This brings a great deal of value to this busy highway junction.

### Recommendations:

- Consider for future judging visits, the benefit of having a display board of articles and photographs of the Riverboat Days, Aboriginal Days and other events.
- Following the success of the Flywheel bed, showcasing of history of Terrace through further "feature" beds containing heritage artifacts could be introduced into some flowerbeds in the centre of town. A combination of artifacts, sustainable planting with pots of colour could help reduce maintenance, welcome tourists and form a "Heritage Bloom Trail".

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<b>URBAN FORESTRY</b>		
Urban Forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, pollinator friendly tree selection, tree inventory, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.		
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Municipal</b>		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	8
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	15	12
Urban forestry plan and design, including integration with overall green infrastructure landscape plan, and measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots.	20	14
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy and pollinator habitat tree species, recommended tree list and tree planting standards.	10	6.5
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	6
Public information programs: good planting techniques, best practices and maintenance programs	15	6.5
Maintenance best practices with proven results	10	7.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	5	3
<b>Business &amp; Institutions</b>		
Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees, on properties owned by business and institutions.	15	12
Maintenance programs, best practices with proven results: watering, pruning, IPM	10	8
<b>Residential</b>		
Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees on residential properties	15	12
Maintenance best practices with proven results	10	7
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such as Green Streets Canada, Arbor Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.)	20	17
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands	10	8.5
<b>Urban Forestry Total</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>128.00</b>

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## URBAN FORESTRY

### Observations:

The City's commitment to urban forestry is commended and it was insightful to meet with City staff Carmen Didier, Tara Irwin and Eric Lennert to learn about the city's role (Thank you). We heard about the management of the 390+ City trees, by the full time city gardener and the 9 staff (May to August). They are all doing their best to look after a large inventory limited by heavy winter weather.

The Downtown Tree Inventory is really great news for Terrace's arboreal infrastructure. The slightly lower marks in this area of the evaluation grid, are purely indicative of the fact that, for Terrace this is a relatively new initiative. We look forward to seeing the plans, registry and programs develop further over coming years.

The cottonwoods at Ferry Island are awe inspiring. Soaring from the rich river bottom soil they form an ethereal cathedral-like arch probably half a mile long. Just minutes from the city this busy municipal campground is also home to trails, river access, tadpole pond, play area and a dog area.

Howe Creek Tree Park is a hidden gem, tucked away in the northern corner of the city. A former tree nursery saved from clearing and development by many different parties of the community, this park has a hugely varied collection of trees and shrubs and is a very well used trail. Such a feeling of serenity as you wander through this shaded glade! Lovely signage at the beginning of the trail acknowledging supporters and Plant ID too.

Great new initiative to introduce Treegator irrigation bags on newly planted trees throughout town during the hot summer months.

### Recommendations:

- Consider drawing up a Home Owner's Guide "Right Tree Right Place" to assist the community in planting new trees, to further enhance your city's overall urban forestry infrastructure.
- There was some discussion regarding potential for a Tree Walking Tour following completion of the Street Tree Inventory. The next judges will be interested to see your progress with the Tree Inventory, Five Year Plan, IPM/PHC plans and perhaps the foundations for the aforementioned Tree Walking Tour.
- Show the 2017 Judges the completed Street Tree Inventory and Five Year Plan in document format and any research or document production that has been completed towards the Walking Tour. Designate room for this in your portfolio to cover this criterion OR make sure there is time to discuss it on the tour with appropriate staff.

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<b>LANDSCAPE</b>		
<p>Landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers along with turf management.</p>		
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Municipal</b>		
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	8.5
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties (including pollinator friendly), traffic calming, bank stabilisation	10	7
Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, signage, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	6
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	6.5
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization and adapted maintenance programs	10	7
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	6.5
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards, specifications and best practices.	5	4
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	10	8
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (urban agriculture, community gardens, parks and recreation programs)	10	7
<b>Business &amp; Institutions</b>		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	8
Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	15	11
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	7
<b>Residential</b>		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	12
Maintenance of properties: lawn care, trees and shrub maintenance (with proven results)	15	12
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, edible and pollinator friendly plants)	10	9
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
Public participation in community programs such as: urban agriculture, community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization, etc.)	20	16
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including activities in all evaluated criteria	20	17
<b>Landscape Total</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>152.50</b>

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## LANDSCAPE

### Observations:

The Grand Trunk Pathway along the western gateway to Terrace is a great multi-use pathway. Its lovely to see how much this land was being used during our visit, allowing people to exercise in safety. We heard about the challenges to extend this trail.

The soccer fields at Christy park (37,151sq m) were in very good condition and are used by more than 700 youngsters.

The successful Terrace Food & Garden Tour showcased 10 gardens this year, involved 26 volunteers and sold 110 tickets! It has run for 19 years. What a great example of community involvement.

We were impressed by the upcycling of old bridge deck work to make seats at the Skeena River viewpoint.

The Gateway Welcomes made from wood and aluminum are very nice and are a good example of Welcome signage.

Excellent to hear about the Volunteer Recognition Event in February; it is such an important event and there certainly are many volunteers in Terrace!

### Recommendations:

- The challenge Terrace faces, with the weight of snow on the boulevard plantings, has been an issue in the past we were told. It was good to hear that the city gardener is looking at a variety of ways such as Turf Reinforcement Grids to solve this problem without detriment to the overall greenscape. If you proceed to “road test” the Turf Reinforcement Grids for evaluation, show this proactive approach either in your profile book or include a quick stop on the judges tour to view this “trial”.
- Terrace Food & Garden Tour: perhaps for the next judging evaluation consider a visit to a garden that participated in this popular event or use display boards/hand out sheets to showcase some of the participating residential gardens on the tour.
- The recycling of old bridge planks was a great idea. Perhaps a similar appropriate repurposing project may be considered for the woodwork from the boardwalk/handrail renovations at Kitselas Canyon.
- GTBS have done much to develop the beautification of Terrace and the new Landscaping bylaw for business is a big plus, however there are still some established business premises that are in need of attention. We hope that GTBS/TDIA and the City continue discussion and encouragement of these premises, along with the new hotels and businesses to adopt a proactive approach to landscaping/presentation.



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<b>FLORAL DISPLAYS</b>		
<p>Floral Displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses, edible plants, water efficient and pollinator friendly plants) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.</p>		
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Municipal</b>		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	12
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	17
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora, pollinator friendly plants	10	8.5
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	17.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	10	8
<b>Business &amp; Institutions</b>		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	13
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	8
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	7.5
<b>Residential</b>		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	20	17
Pollinator gardens and/or inclusion of pollinator plants in gardens		
Quality of planting and maintenance with proven results.	15	12
<b>Community Involvement</b>		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.)	15	13
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community floral displays activities	15	13.5
<b>Floral Displays Total</b>	<b>175.00</b>	<b>147.00</b>

# 2016 Evaluation Form

## FLORAL DISPLAYS

### Observations:

Superb hanging baskets at the airport and the approach road! 140 purchased baskets decorate the Downtown area too, including many private endeavours with baskets. All bring a vibrant splash of colour to the community.

A Snacking Fence? What an inspirational and generous idea by Tavis and Christine McDonald. A chain link fence borders one side of their property and whatever grows through to the sidewalk side, passers by are encouraged with signage, to sample the edible delights. Apparently this is a huge hit with local school children who can sample strawberries, blueberries peas or grapes on their way to School!

The Community Garden is very popular and inclusive with over 60 varied plots. Really good to see gardeners of all ages and abilities busy tending their plots whilst on our visit. And the Sharing Table is a wonderful idea.

The large Hydrangea planters at Gobind Mall were very pretty and very nice to see this somewhat unique planting. Perhaps an idea to include hydrangeas elsewhere in the downtown area?

The new "Pollinator Plantings" at the Flywheel and the Heritage Museum are a great way of encouraging more residents to plant for bees; especially given the bee friendly bylaws.

During our tour we saw a wide variety of beautiful residential gardens, lots and property all growing a wide variety of flowers, vegetables, fruit trees, shrubs and trees. The Keith Estates and Keefer Street areas were especially notable for their varied gardens, along with Diana Penner's Community Supported Agriculture project. The growing conditions in Terrace really do embody the spirits of Super, Natural British Columbia.

### Recommendations:

- Beds across Terrace were well kept with a very good mix of sustainable plants enhanced with varied foliage and annuals. Perhaps consideration may be given to planting more low growing/native roses/decorative ground cover to ward off the "Phantom Plant Collectors"?
- The Workers Memorial in the grounds of the Sportsplex could use some extra attention.
- A new brochure/leaflet/Facebook post/video short focusing on what plants are beneficial to pollinators would support the bee bylaw and perhaps be of use to the community.
- Continue to inspire residents to share in the beautification of Terrace. The Garden Tour is a great opportunity to showcase and exchange ideas. Consider further raising the profile of the "adopt a planter" scheme or identifying areas you care for, with GTBS logo/sponsor acknowledgement in situ.

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## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.

## **COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY**

- The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers
- The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities
- The dedication of our judges, staff and organizations
- The contributions of our sponsors and partners

### Provincial Office:

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**BC Communities in Bloom offers a program that provides a framework for enhancing community liveability.**



October 1, 2016

Dear Mayor Leclerc, Terrace Council and your CiB volunteers,

Congratulations on your community's first 4-Blooms!

Enclosed are your Bloom Certificate and Evaluation Report prepared by our judges. You will find comments, observations and useful suggestions for your community's efforts along with the point system. Note: if there are no specific comments, the point system is an indication of possible room for improvement.

As you know, Volunteers are the backbone of this program and your community's team efforts are a testament to how well "People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together" works.

And as a representative of your community we thank you for your ongoing support of this valuable program that does so much for CommUnity Success!

Sincerely,

Darlene Kalawsky, BC CiB Chair

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**Options for next year:** Continue to be evaluated to improve your score percentage, this is especially important for communities who want to compete in the National level. Or go into a non-evaluated category like the Friends or one of the membership levels. (information on back page of the 2017 registration form)



Enhancing Green Spaces  
in Communities



Mise en valeur des espaces  
verts au sein des collectivités

Dear Communities:

On behalf of the National Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to bring greetings to all communities of the 2016 British Columbia Communities in Bloom Edition.

We would like to thank all those involved in the continued success of the Communities in Bloom program. The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers, the support of elected officials and staff of municipalities, the dedication of our volunteer judges, staff and organizations along with the contribution of our sponsors and partners are helping to make our communities cleaner, greener and more environmentally sound.

As we celebrate our achievements in 2016, let us prepare our communities to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confederation in 2017. We very humbly consider that participation in the Communities in Bloom program is the best means to celebrate our pride of country.

Thank you again for your participation and for making your communities better places to live in, to visit and to invest in.

Congratulations ...and Celebrate !

Salutations,

Bob Lewis,  
National Chair

Raymond Carrière,  
Founding President



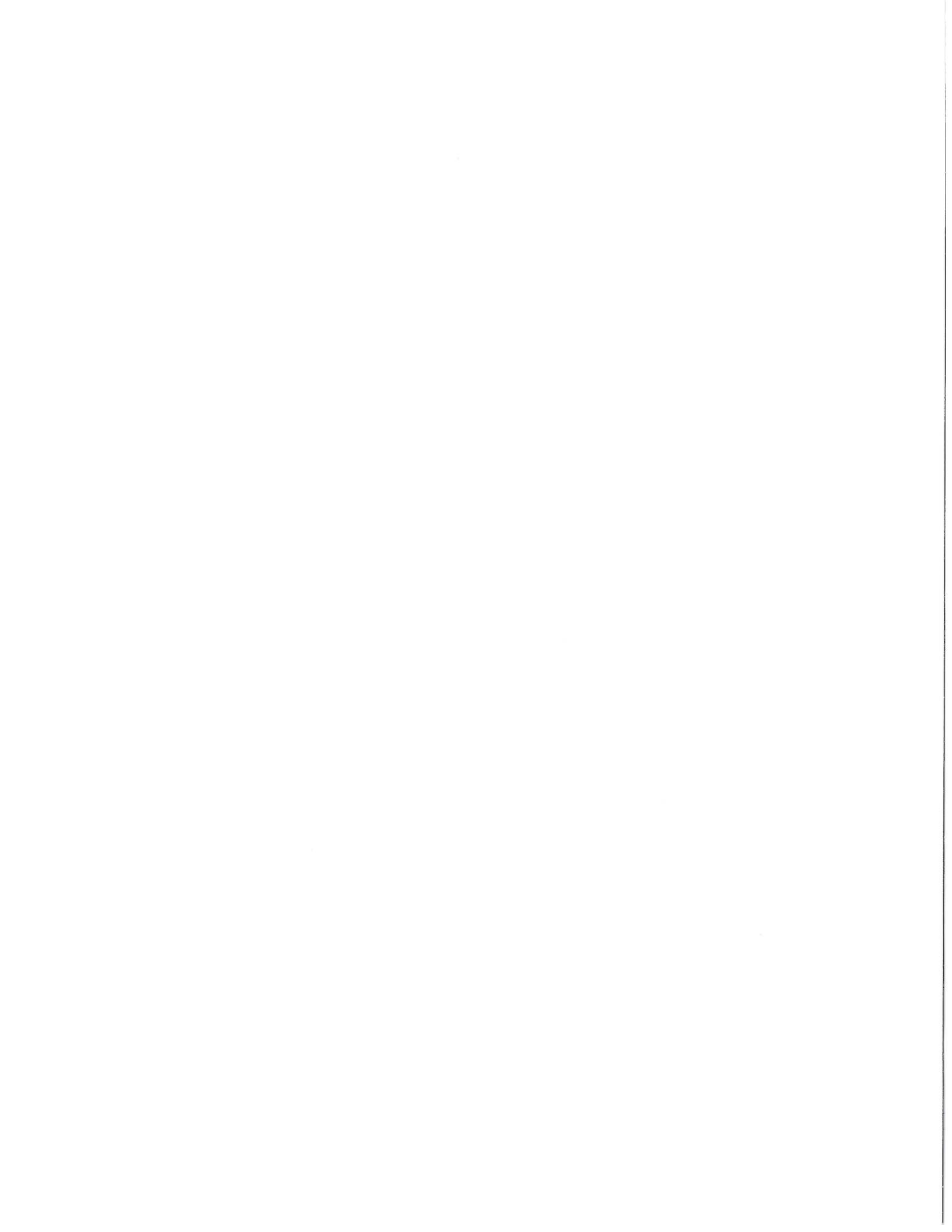
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# 2017 PROVINCIAL EDITION

## BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

**FINAL DEADLINE:  
MARCH 31, 2017**

MUNICIPALITY (PLEASE PRINT)		TOTAL POPULATION	MAYOR
NAME OF MUNICIPAL CONTACT		POSITION / TITLE	
ADDRESS	CITY	POSTAL CODE	
( )			
PHONE	MUNICIPAL CONTACT EMAIL		
NAME OF COMMUNITY CONTACT OR LOCAL CiB CHAIR		WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY	
( )			
PHONE	COMMUNITY CONTACT/CHAIR E-MAIL		
<b>PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES</b>		<b>REGISTRATION FEE BASED ON POPULATION SIZE:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NOVICE</b> Audit program to introduce CiB, workshop with a pair of Judges <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PROVINCIAL EDITION</b> (Evaluated with Bloom Rating Award) or <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MENTOR</b> _____ with <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW COMMUNITY</b> _____ (Both Evaluated with Bloom Rating Award, supply form and fee for each please)		<input type="checkbox"/> up to 1000 - <b>\$475</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - <b>\$875</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - <b>\$575</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - <b>\$975</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - <b>\$625</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 - <b>\$1150</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - <b>\$750</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - <b>\$1450</b> (Plus 5% GST)	
<b>NON-EVALUATED:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>FRIENDS</b> (½ Fee) includes a Showcase Project for newsletter			

### PARTICIPANTS should plan to:

- Create a local 'in Bloom' action committee: citizens, business, service clubs and a municipal representative (Councillor, Public Works, Administrator, Parks/Recreation);
- Start with a simple budget to cover registration fee and to create community wide CiB awareness projects, i.e.: parades, tidy up days. Consider planning some fundraising events too;
- Prepare for **Judges Evaluation** to take place in mid to late July;
- Create a **Community Profile Book** (info provided) outlining the community's achievements in the specific evaluation criteria;
- Host a pair of judges during evaluation time (typically 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July): meals & accommodation, maximum 2 nights, separate rooms, same location (billeting is acceptable);
- Budget for sending a delegate or two, to the BC CiB Provincial Awards and Conference Event in the fall. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other participants and learn more about how to get the most from the CiB program.

### COMMUNITY RECEIVES:

- Getting Started Package of Information;
- Help from regional representatives if required;
- Evaluation by a pair of trained BC CiB judges;
- Bloom Rating Certificate (2 to 5 blooms);
- 18+ page Evaluation Report with Comments & Suggestions presented at the Provincial Awards Ceremony in the fall;
- Information about National Competition in future years.

### BENEFITS to Community:

- **Encourages Tidiness & Beautification**
- **Promotes Excellence in Environmental Initiatives**
- **Catalyst to Inventory Community's Assets**
- **Friendly Competition provides Focus & Deadline for Projects**
- **Cost Effective Measurement of Success**

**Cheque payable to:** BC Communities in Bloom **Mailing Address:** Suite 102, 19289 Langley Bypass, Surrey, BC V3S 6K1

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED**    \$ Population Fee + 5% GST = \$    GST # 8446 03670 RT0001

**PLEASE INVOICE US AT:**     Above Address

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**    Before April 30<sup>th</sup> a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.

**Request more information:**     Membership     Sponsorship    **Catherine Kennedy (604) 576-6506** [c.kennedy@telus.net](mailto:c.kennedy@telus.net)

# Participation Options

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES	COST									
<p><b>1. NOVICE PROGRAM – First Year Audit</b></p> <p>Our Judge’s visit provides a face to face introduction to the CiB program criteria with your key stakeholders. No Judges Tour or Community Profile Book to organize, but be prepared to host the judges (meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.) and have 3 - 10 people ready to workshop.</p> <p>Judges will present a PowerPoint, show a sample Community Profile Book and review 3 criteria: i.e. Floral, Landscape and Tidiness. Judges will prepare some comments and suggestions. Reports are presented at the fall Awards.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>									
<p><b>2. EVALUATED PROVINCIAL EDITION</b></p> <p>Starting an ‘In Bloom’ committee will help create a valuable collaboration amongst your citizens, service groups, municipal staff and business owners.</p> <p>Evaluating six criteria, the judge’s report creates a benchmark score for future improvements. Participants are awarded a Bloom Rating Certificate and receive a written report at the Provincial Awards &amp; Conference in the fall.</p> <p>This category also includes Mentoring for an experienced CiB community to help a new participant. Separate form and fee for each. Mentor Community receives special recognition throughout the year.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">ONLY CATEGORY ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD</p>									
<b>NON-EVALUATED</b>										
<p><b>3. FRIENDS*</b></p> <p>For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives.</p> <p>*Added BONUS: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project!</p>	<p>½ Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form</p>									
<p><b>4. PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">a) Individual</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">\$20</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Voting</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">b) Showcase*</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">\$100</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Non-Voting</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">c) Community*</td> <td style="padding: 2px; text-align: center;">\$500</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">Non-Voting</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Newsletters (10+ issues/year)</li> <li>- Invitation to AGM (voting privileges for individual membership only)</li> <li>- Invitation to fall Awards and Conference</li> <li>- Entry point for judging (upon approved application)</li> </ul>	a) Individual	\$20	Voting	b) Showcase*	\$100	Non-Voting	c) Community*	\$500	Non-Voting	<p>As per the 2017 Membership Form (see BC CiB website to download form and additional benefits)</p>
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b) Showcase*	\$100	Non-Voting								
c) Community*	\$500	Non-Voting								
<p><b>5. SHOWCASE PROJECT*</b> (non-evaluated)</p> <p>Profile for a specific project or geographical segment within a community. Open to everyone in British Columbia, submissions also accepted from other levels of CiB. Provide 100 words &amp; 3 photos.</p>	<p>Entries will be featured in our BC CiB newsletter.</p> <p><b>Fee: \$100</b></p>									
<b>All Registered Participants will receive recognition on our Map, Press Releases, Website and Fall Awards</b>										