



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron
Communities in Bloom
Minutes

Wednesday, July 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Olde Town Hall - Verity Room

Members Present: Aaron Neeb, Council Representative
Debbie Mountenay, Chair
Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair
Cathy Seip
Glen Nicholson
Beth Cooper

Member Regrets: George Wilson

Staff Present: Alex Wolfe, Administrative Assistant – Recording Secretary
Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
Megan Goss, Human Resources & Strategic Initiatives
Officer/Acting Manager of Public Works

Others Present: Martin Quinn - CIB Ontario Chair, Judge and CIB National Director

1. Call to Order

Chair Mountenay called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. Agenda

Motion: 18-2019

Moved: Aaron Neeb

Seconded: Glen Nicholson

That the Agenda for July 3, 2019 be approved, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General nature Thereof

None.

4. Minutes

Motion: 19-2019

Moved: Cathy Seip

Seconded: Dorothy Henderson

The South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee adopts the minutes of June 5, 2019 as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Guest Speaker Martin Quinn - Goderich Communities in Bloom

Martin Quinn attended the meeting on request of the Chair. M. Quinn is has been involved in Communities in Bloom for 24 of the 25 years Communities in Bloom has been in place. He has held every capacity that CIB has, and is currently sitting on several committees and is the CIB Ontario Chair, Judge & CIB National Director.

The CIB 2019 Evaluation Form was handed out to committee members and same is attached to the Minutes as Schedule A.

CIB Canada does put on workshops for Communities to attend, there is one in August in Sudbury. It was mentioned that these workshops assist communities in organizing themselves for the Judges.

M. Quinn mentioned that South Huron should be proud of what it has achieved and should be sending the Evaluation Report from the Judges from 2018 to every council member, manager, committee member, have copies available at the library and tourist booth. Member Seip noted that copies of the report are provided to each council member, and copies are in the library. It was suggested to have staff and Councilors partake in picking the report apart, coming up with ideas and strategies to improve for the next year.

M. Quinn advised it's not just about big budgets, it's about how you use the funds available. Volunteer assistance is key, it was suggested to possibly have a floral committee, send out an invitation/request for help to every tax payer with their tax bill. M. Quinn mentioned getting individuals involved by taking groups to neighboring municipalities to see what they do. Importance of having individuals from different committees attend CIB meetings to provide comments and ideas.

M. Quinn advised that the most important piece of information that the members need for the competition is the grid, he will forward a sample of same along with a sample itinerary to Chair Mountenay to be distributed.

Suggestions for next year when South Huron CIB competes in the competition

- Use the itinerary that is provided to the judges as a tool, it provides a picture of what the Judges are going to see. Make sure to include the names of the individuals the Judges are to meet with at each stop. Every stop on the itinerary should hit all 6 pillars, look around
- On the copy of the itinerary for the committee add an extra column to provide contact information for who to call if running behind schedule
- Make sure to walk the walk and drive the drive before the judges arrive, want to make sure that the allotted travel time to each location is accurate
- Judges will check the South Huron website and other websites associated with the Municipality prior to attending so they have background, it was also mentioned that sometimes the judges incognito will attend other functions thrown on by the Municipality to get a feel of the Community and speak with citizens
- Discussion on how once the judges step into South Huron vehicles, it should be all business - we are to sell our community, always have someone present with a purpose (ie when having a break or meal the judges are still judging)
- Keep tour fresh - judges don't need to see water works unless new
- Try to find out as much information about the judges ahead of time (ie what's their background, how long have they been involved in CIB)
- Booklet handout that gets provided to Judges - do not exceed 35 pages, important to try and streamline book - book needs to have a purpose beyond just giving it to the judges - have council, chamber of commerce and economic development individuals involved - when adding service partners to book - their logos go a long way, something that makes them jump off the page
- Even when not competing it's still important to complete the walk and drives to keep your eyes open to things that should be addressed
- Get the youth involved

M. Quinn provided word of caution for the reservoirs, make sure individuals using same are properly trained.

CAO Best mentioned CIB using this year as a transition year - getting a game plan in place - come out swinging in 2020.

CAO Best stepped out at 6:41pm and returned at 6:43pm

M. Quinn left at 7:28pm.

6. Chair's Comments

Deferred to July 31, 2019 Meeting.

7. Discussion

7.1 Barn Quilt Project Update - C. Seip, Member

No update to provide.

7.2 Beautification of Signs Update - D. Mountenay, Chair

Chair Mountenay had met with CAO Best and M. Goss regarding the plants at the entrance signs, it was decided it's too hot to complete the planting/transplanting so it's been deferred to the fall.

Regarding the Sign on the North End, Chair Mountenay met with BIA who agreed to the temporary sign so long as they get to see design of the sign before implemented.

7.3 Garden Next to Town Hall Update - D. Mountenay, Chair

Garden Next to Town Hall planted and looks great. It was noted that CIB needs to be conscious of the timeline for ordering plants (in the fall) so the design for 2020 is good to go.

7.4 Garden/Yard of the Week Update - D. Mountenay, Chair

Signs are completed, to be picked up and distributed to CIB Members. Members are to keep an eye out for properties to award the sign to for weeks throughout the summer. Members will return the signs back to the chair in the fall.

7.5 Volunteer Appreciation - B. Cooper, Member

Member Cooper advised that the Park Committee had meeting and decided to host the Fundraiser Appreciation BBQ on either July 23 or 25, 2019 - requested that CIB confirm the date.

CAO Best noted that the Municipality is hosting Appreciation event in the fall, Park Committee have the fundraiser bbq with CIB being the keynote speaker to pass along CIB's plan. Perhaps use June 25th as a CIB information night.

Discussion had whether timeline too tight. Member Cooper mentioned that she sits on the Park Committee and they rely on the CIB to support their BBQ Fundraiser

Member Henderson stepped out at 7:48pm.

Motion: 20-2019

Moved: Dorothy Henderson

Seconded: Glen Nicholson

That South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee pass on participating in the Community Park Fundraiser BBQ this summer.

Disposition: Carried

8. Work Plan Review - Discussion with CAO Dan Best

8.1 Review Terms of Reference

Discussion had regarding Terms of Reference being out of date and not sustainable. CAO Best advised that he would work with Chair Mounetenay and Municipal Staff to draft a revised Terms of Reference to be brought back to July 31st meeting for review and discussion.

8.2 Setting Priorities

Discussion had on why Communities exist and why members joined - moving pillars forward, representing local interest - ambassador, giving back to the community, passion for the community.

CAO Best noted the importance of South Huron being made up of multiple communities, should be celebrating same, coming together. Discussion had regarding each pillar of CIB being Heritage Conservation, Environmental Action, Youth Initiatives, Urban/Forestry/Trails and Landscape/Floral. A Survey to be distributed to the Committee in advance of the next meeting, ever member is to list some Projects, Strategies and Tactics for as many of the pillars as they can and bring same to the meeting, they will then be combined and voted on to create a work plan for improvements that can be made over the next 3 years. In order to move forward an honest conversation needs to be had.

CAO Best noted the importance of having representatives from different committees attending CIB, recruitment and involving the youth - an untapped resource. Discussion had on CIB's Value Proposition - eyes/ears, ideas, support, growth. Need to have a social, economic and environmental benefit - if you have all the elements as part of community development people will come.

Member Henderson reentered the meeting at 8:13pm.

9. Budget Update
Deferred to July 31, 2019 Meeting.
10. Communications
Deferred to July 31, 2019 Meeting.
11. New Business
Deferred to July 31, 2019 Meeting.
12. Adjournment

Motion: 21-2019

Moved: Glen Nicholson

Seconded: Cathy Seip

That South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at 8:26pm, to meet again on July 31, 2019 or at the call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

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Evaluation Form

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Community: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Province: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Category: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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

Tidiness	0.00	/	150.00
Environmental Action	0.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	0.00	/	150.00
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Urban Forestry	0.00	/	200.00
Landscape	0.00	/	175.00
Floral Displays	0.00	/	175.00
	Total		0.00 / 1000.00

Percentage: 0.00%

Bloom rating: [Click here to enter text.](#)

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.

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Representative (s) of Community

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Judges

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#) **Name:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Evaluation date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

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- * 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 corporations 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, and Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the municipality, businesses and institutions.

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

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TIDINESS		
<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>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	10	0
Community anti-litter awareness programs	10	0
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	0
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, urban signage and furniture such as benches, liter and recycling containers etc.)	15	0
Visual appeal, and condition of municipal buildings and properties (including City Hall grounds)	15	0
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	0
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	0
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	0
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	0
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	0
Community Involvement		
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	0
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community clean-up programs	10	0
Tidiness Total	150.00	0.00

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TIDINESS

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<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>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	0
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	0
Water conservation and use-reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotions, efficient irrigation, use of non-potable water, water restriction policies and rainwater management	15	0
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	0
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	0
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort: such as waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	0
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (ex. environmental clean-up activities)	10	0
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiatives and composting	10	0
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection	15	0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	0
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	0
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	0
Environmental Action Total	150.00	0.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<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>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Natural heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs	10	0
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	0
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	0
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	0
Cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	10	0
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and integration of natural heritage, including eco parks, conservation areas, heritage gardens, trees and landscapes.	15	0
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	10	0
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of heritage buildings, artefacts on residential lands.	10	0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual natural heritage programs including developing policies and plans, site improvements and management, conservation and education initiatives.	15	0
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	0
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	0
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	0
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	0.00

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

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URBAN FORESTRY & TRAILS		
Urban Forestry and Trails includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree and trail management (selection, design, signage, 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. Trail types, signage, risk management policies, accessibility, surfacing and promotion		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest and trail	10	
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	15	
Urban forestry and trail plan and design, including integration with overall green infrastructure landscape plan, and measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots and trails	20	
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy and pollinator habitat tree species, recommended tree list and tree planting standards. Trail linkages , land acquisition, landowner agreements, stakeholder engagement	10	
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases . Trail vegetative encroachment control and risk management	10	
Public information programs: good planting techniques, best practices and maintenance programs including Trail promotion, signage, guides, trail use protocols	15	
Maintenance best practices with proven results	10	
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	5	
Business & Institutions		
Contribution to expanding overall trail and tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees, on properties owned by business and institutions.	15	
Maintenance programs, best practices with proven results: watering, pruning, IPM, surfacing, signage, trailhead markers, hazard removals, inspections	10	
Residential		
Contribution to expanding overall trail and tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees on residential properties	15	
Maintenance best practices with proven results	10	
Community Involvement		
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.) Trail adoption, clean up days, maintenance and public safety awareness for users, eg snowmobilers, hikers, ATV, horses, etc	20	
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community trail maintenance and stewardship, tree planting and conservation programs on public lands	10	
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	0.00

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Recommendations:

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LANDSCAPE		
<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>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	0
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	0
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	0
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	0
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	0
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	0
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards, specifications and best practices	5	0
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	10	0
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (urban agriculture, community gardens, parks and recreation programs)	10	0
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	0
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	0
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	0
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	0
Maintenance of properties: lawn care and shrub maintenance (with proven results)	15	0
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, edible and pollinator friendly plants)	10	0
Community Involvement		
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	0
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	0
Landscape Total	200.00	0.00

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LANDSCAPE

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<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>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	0
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	0
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora, pollinator friendly plants	10	0
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	0
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	0
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	0
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	0
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	0
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	20	0
Pollinator gardens and/or inclusion of pollinator plants in gardens	15	0
Quality of planting and maintenance with proven results	15	0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.)	15	0
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community floral displays activities	15	0
Floral Displays Total	175.00	0.00

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

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Recommendations:

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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.