



City of Sarnia, Ontario

Communities in Bloom - 2018 National & International Edition

5 Blooms - Silver Veterans Park

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STRATHCONA COUNTY, Alberta, September 29th, 2018 —

The City of Sarnia received a 5 Blooms - Silver rating and a special mention for *Veterans Park* during the 2018 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Strathcona County, Alberta. The community also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for the Scotts Turf Builder Landscape Award. The City of Sarnia participated in the Class of Champions (Large) category along with Coquitlam BC; Edmonton AB and Wood Buffalo AB.

Over the summer, trained volunteer judges travelled to participating communities to evaluate the overall contributions of municipal council and departments; industry; businesses and the private sector – including volunteer efforts – in regards to the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Evelyn Alemanni and Jim Baird wrote:

"The citizens of Sarnia enjoy a quality of life not experienced in many larger cities. The crystal clear blue waters of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River belie the city's heavy industrial heritage. Parks and open spaces provide for both active use and appreciation of the natural environment. The tree canopy is mature and well cared for. Floral gardens and beds are varied and distributed throughout the community. The downtown area is alive and features numerous heritage buildings that have been repurposed while respecting the origins of the buildings. The historic Veterans Park has been rejuvenated by introducing special benches with symbolic tributes to veterans of WWI and WWII. New flower beds and new tree plantings add to the existing mature tree cover."

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

For a complete list of the results and the electronic copy of the Communities in Bloom magazine, please visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

About Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. For more information about Communities in Bloom, visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

Communities are evaluated using a “bloom” rating determined by the total score of the evaluation:
0 to 55 %=1 Bloom 56 to 63 %=2 Blooms 64 to 72 %=3 Blooms 73 to 81 %=4 Blooms 82 % and over=5 Blooms

There are four (4) levels of 5 Blooms exclusive to the National and International Edition:
5 Blooms: 82 to 83.9% Bronze: 84 to 86.9% Silver: 87 to 89.9% Gold: 90% and over

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