

Evaluation Form

2012

Hanna



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Community: Town of Hanna

Province: Alberta

Category: Competitive 2001 - 6000

The evaluation is based on 6 criteria, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

Tidiness	127.50	/	150.00
Environmental Action	108.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	127.00	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	138.50	/	175.00
Landscape (including Turf & Groundcovers)	160.50	/	200.00
Floral Displays	139.00	/	175.00
* Community Involvement is included in each of these sections			
	Total		800.50 / 1000.00

Percentage : 80%

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.

Mention : 100 Centennial Barrels

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Gwen Snell Function : Director of Community Services

Name: John Kaster Function : Town Councillor

Name: Patty Blocksom Function : CiB Committee Member

Judges

Name: Brenda Isaak Takao Name: Sandra Royal

Evaluation date: July 24 2012

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 (YMCA, Legion), private museums, Canada Post
- Tourism bureaus, 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 deserves to be evaluated in each of the sections of evaluation. Community Involvement will continue to be a highlight of the awards ceremony

- Individuals & Service and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations
- Social 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

The Town of Hanna is a huge supporter of the Community in Bloom Program. They have a Town website on which CiB can post minutes and advertise what projects or tasks are going to be undertaken. The Town also has a newsletter which is sent out with the monthly water bills. This newsletter is a source of information for all residents and businesses. CiB is allowed to promote their upcoming events e.g. Pitch In Week, tree planting, etc. which hopefully connects with as many people as possible thus ensuring the greatest potential success.

Support is also provided by many of the community organizations as well as the schools. The primary school was very involved this year in planting trees and flowers as well as providing assistance with the community garden.

This year the Town of Hanna prepares for a Centennial Celebration. They have taken on many projects to ensure visitors to the community will be impressed.

A great deal of information was made available to the judges for which they are grateful. The Profile book would be of even more benefit if the summaries identified the year in which something was started and completed, as well as those items which involve ongoing annual effort, thus making it easier for the judges to determine what has been accomplished in the current year. It is important to note some years may not involve new projects but that an entire year can be spent on ongoing maintenance.

The judges recognize it is never possible to view and hear about all the factors involved in CiB, however, it is always nice to be able to chat with CiB Committee volunteers and hear their comments about the success of the program within their community. Acknowledgement of volunteer contributions is a vital process in retaining their interest and investment of time.

This year both the National and Provincial Awards will take place in the Edmonton Capital Region October 10 to 14 and we would love to see you there. The Provincial Awards will be a stand-alone complementary event on Friday, October 12, at The Enjoy Centre in St. Alberta. For information on registration of all or part of these events, please visit the CiB Alberta website: <http://arpaonline.ca/program/cib/>. Attendance at these events is always a networking opportunity. It is a good time to share ideas and practices with other CiB participants.

Thank you to the many people who assisted in making our day informative and enjoyable. Congratulations on being great examples of "People, Plants and Pride ... working together".

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TIDINESS		
<p>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort made by the municipality, businesses, institutions, and residents of the community. Elements for evaluation are green spaces (parks, etc.), medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets, municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties, ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots and buildings and signage, with regard to weeds, maintenance and repair, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	15	13.5
Community anti-litter awareness programs	5	4.5
Effective bylaws & policies and enforcement; for litter control, graffiti prevention including notices & posters	10	8
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)	15	13.5
Cleanliness of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers	15	13.5
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions.	15	12
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	12
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	17.5
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	13
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	8
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs	10	8
Tidiness Total	150.00	127.50

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TIDINESS

Observations:

The green areas throughout the town are beautiful. A great deal of effort has gone into making these look tidy and well maintained. The parks all have a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals. Mulching of beds helps to make these parks look tidy.

While obvious efforts are being made to improve some buildings, e.g. the murals and painting of the Legion, there are still many which remain rather unsightly. It is recognized that the by-law officer continues to make every effort to address these issues. There was minimal graffiti apparent throughout the town due to the zero tolerance bylaw. Obvious efforts have also been made to pick up around the waste management area.

There is some excellent signage at the triplex requesting people clean up after themselves.

Huge kudos to those individuals who walk daily throughout the Town and pick up trash enroute! The Town is very fortunate to have volunteers such as these and hopefully recognizes these individuals.

Recommendations:

Is it possible to have art students create murals for the boarded over windows of abandoned buildings such as the Seymor Hotel? Until these derelict buildings can be addressed, the murals would be much nicer to look at and youth involvement is always a good thing.

The upkeep at the Cemetery is extensive. It might be a good idea to share with your community members, on the website or in the newsletter, how much money, time and effort goes into keeping it looking tidy and what can individuals do to assist in this endeavour.

The parks would benefit from more garbage and recycling receptacles. Litter is less likely to happen when it is easy to get rid of it appropriately.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
Environmental action includes efforts and achievement by the municipality, businesses, institutions, and residents of the community, with respect to: policies, by-laws and best practices, 3-R initiatives (reduce/reuse/recycle), waste reduction, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, environmental stewardship activities, and environmentally friendly transportation, under the guiding principles of sustainable development.		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities.	20	15.5
Waste management programs such as 3-R (recycling, re-use, reduce), composting and including activities such as landfill site management, shredding of Christmas trees & handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection	10	8.5
Water conservation and reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	10	7
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), efficient street and signal lighting and shielding for night skies issues & promotion of energy audits	10	6
Environmental actions such as: Greening of operations fleet for park maintenance: such as conversion to higher efficiency vehicles, use of alternative fuels and air quality programs: monitoring, anti-idling advisory / bylaws, efficient use of vehicle fleet such as use of crew cabs, bicycles, any other energy-saving transportation. Development and expansion of bike lanes and recreational pathways. Initiatives and Innovation, such as: green roofs, green walls; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands and bio-walls. Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation.	20	12
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	6
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)	10	7.5
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting	20	16.5
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection.	15	13
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	3
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	6
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	7
Environmental Action Total	150.00	108.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

The Town of Hanna has certified IPM staff that have had excellent results with the use of biological treatment of black flies and misquote larvae in standing water and open water spots. The waste management facility is also the regional transfer site. Continuation of this process is currently under discussion as the town wishes to be as efficient and effective as possible. The facility appeared to be well organized and relatively tidy with virtually limitless options currently available for recycling.

Recycling is encouraged at the Fox Lake Campground by having receptacles readily available. Each year different non-profit organizations have access to the collection and profit of the recyclables. This year the town has chosen Wild Pink Yonder to benefit.

Water treatment facility has five certified staff who demonstrate pride in the well run operation. Although this facility is over 25 years old, it remains "state of the art" as this non-profit organization continually seeks to improve. It is very pleasing to hear they are currently assessing the acquisition of solar panels to operate off the grid.

Although at this time there appears to be ample available water, community members should always be encouraged to conserve water. There were some residential rain barrels; perhaps more people could be encouraged to utilize them if the town or CiB could bring them in and sell them for a discount.

There are some great walking paths throughout the community which encourage people to walk or ride a bike.

The community rummage sale is an excellent example of reuse, reduce and recycle.

At the time of the judges' visit, the wetlands on the west edge of town had been encroached upon by an ATCO trailer camp. The town has reached an agreement with ATCO regarding the establishment of the camp as it relates to the wetlands. It will be interesting to see how this area of town looks after the ATCO camp moves out.

Recommendations:

Continue education of town residents to reduce, reuse, and recycle within their own homes. Encouragement of decreasing the three bag limit to two would have a very positive effect on the landfill. Continue to educate people on the significance of properly separating garbage from compost and recycling. Providing articles on backyard composting might be valuable. Eventually the compost piles at the transfer site should be utilized by both the town and the residents.

Although it is recognized how difficult it is to showcase everything within the community, it would be interesting to see the Town Public Works Yard. Perhaps it could be added to the tour next year.

It is important the large waste management trucks have easy access to the large recycling bins. It appeared the ground around those bins could be graded to ensure better accessibility.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<p>Heritage Conservation includes efforts made by the municipality, businesses and institutions, and residents to preserve heritage within their community. Priority in evaluation is given to natural heritage, as well as the integration of landscape and streetscapes as it pertains to the built heritage of a community. Also consists of preservation of cultural heritage which includes monuments, memorials, artefacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, heritage foods and the arts and festivals and celebrations. The evaluation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -natural heritage management plans: sites, parks, cemeteries, heritage gardens and trees, native plants; - the relationship of the landscape to the built heritage; -overall preservation of traditions and customs through year-round festivals and celebrations, events and parades, heritage foods and the arts. <p>As well, the participation of groups such as the Historical Society is considered.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs	15	12.5
Natural and cultural heritage management plan and preservation initiatives: including cultural landscapes, use of native plants, heritage gardens, heritage trees, cemeteries, museums, heritage sites	15	13.5
Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year, and preservation of traditions, and customs	15	13
Interpretative and signage programs, walking tours, festivals/celebrations (year round)	15	13
Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	13
New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and grounds	15	14
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	15	11
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites / buildings	10	8
Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures.	5	3.5
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including heritage community events/activities, including year round cultural festivals & celebrations and preservation of traditions, customs, food, music, dance and crafts (including promotion, organization etc.).	10	9
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions (including Historical Societies) in community initiated, natural and cultural heritage activities and programs including cultural festivals & celebrations throughout the year and preservation of traditions, customs, food, music, dance and crafts.	10	8.5
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	127.00

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

The Town of Hanna has worked hard at retaining local history and acknowledging more recent history makers such as Nickleback.

They have an outstanding museum which the community can rightly be proud of. They have acquired an extensive collection of artifacts and buildings, many of which are accompanied by a story.

The Town has very wisely repurposed the old train station into a lift station and Visitor Information booth, the fountain in Memorial Park recognizes local history, and a history book of the area has also been published.

It is great to see Nickleback showcased by placing CD cover murals on the arena walls.

The sculpture which has been developed for the town Centennial will also provide a lasting legacy.

Hopefully there will be a day when the Roundhouse will be added to your historical collection.

Recommendations:

Perhaps some research could be done to find a program which would fund the creation of a permanent record of the many, many unique stories which George Patzer recites. He is a wealth of knowledge which should not be lost. With the technology available today, he should be recorded for posterity.

CN Rail promoted the fertility of the soil in their developing areas by creating gardens at their stations. Information could be compiled on these heritage gardens and shared with community members. The municipality might choose to use some of the plants in future plantings. A list of these native plants and also one of heritage trees could be developed and made available to community members.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
Urban Forestry includes the efforts made by the municipality, businesses and 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, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	9
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	10	9
Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan	10	9
Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	10	9
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species	10	8
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	8.5
Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs	10	7
Qualified personnel and/or crew training	10	9
Business & Institutions		
Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes	15	11
Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM	10	6
Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on properties	10	6.5
Residential		
Design, species diversity and planting of trees in landscapes	15	12.5
Inclusion of diversified (including native), hardy species for planting on residential properties	10	6.5
Maintenance best practices	10	7
Community Involvement		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such a Green Streets Canada, Arbour Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.).	15	12.5
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
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	138.50

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

Trained staff complete an annual tour of all trees which fall under the Town's care. During the tour it is determined which trees require pruning or trimming. Staff is also trained for pest management and good controls are in place to address Dutch elm disease.

New trees and shrubs are planted from a list of hardy native species.

Fox Lake Park has recently had many new shrubs and trees added. While these already look great, they will be such a benefit to the campers in the future.

All the newly planted trees have been mulched which is so beneficial to them. You might wish to avoid mulch within a few inches around the base of all trees. Mulch which surrounds the trunk can rub the bark, thus damaging it, and it can also retain moisture causing the trunk to rot.

Recommendations:

Many of the newly planted trees would benefit from staking. Staking is not meant to be long term but it does provide some support to those new trees which are tall and thin, particularly in light of the winds which were going through Hanna. It also provides support for fragile root systems that are beginning to develop after the first few years of planting. It is obvious to see what the wind does to the tops of trees, but not so obvious to see how the heaving can break newly formed roots and inhibit the viability of a young tree.

Some concerns were expressed about new trees not surviving because of deer. The use of chicken wire around a tree may not be pretty but it does serve as a deterrent. This may allow the trees to become established and less likely to be fatally damaged by the deer. Then, once the tree is over a certain height and size, the wire can be removed from a stronger tree.

Continue to annually update your tree inventory. This inventory should include species, age, maintenance, health and should include all the newly planted trees. The inventory enables the town to put a value on the trees and to make replacement plans.

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LANDSCAPE (Parks & Grounds, Green Spaces, Streetscapes - including Turf & Groundcovers)		
<p>This section of the evaluation supports all efforts to create an environment showcasing the overall surroundings. The overall plan and design must be 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 municipal, commercial and residential sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers, turf management and maintenance. The evaluation will consider how the spaces create a sense of place within the community, actively utilized year-round.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	8.5
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, alternate mowing frequency and water management	10	8
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	6.5
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	7.5
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties	10	8
Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	9
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications	10	8.5
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events)	10	8.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	5	4
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers	10	6
Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	10	6.5
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	6
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	13.5
Maintenance of properties: lawn care, tree and shrub maintenance	15	13
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)	15	13
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (including promotion, organization etc.).	15	13.5
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including tidiness, environmental action, urban forestry, landscape, floral and natural & Cultural Heritage activities .	15	12.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities	10	8
Landscape Total	200.00	160.50

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The new community garden has been a huge success. Access to the land and water has been provided by the Hospital. Students were involved in the construction and planting stages. Pole fences have been used to frame the garden and excellent use of mulch has been utilized to create paths and divide the plots. This garden is well thought out and looks great!

A decision was made to create unity throughout the town by building pole fences, using common receptacles, and using the same benches throughout the Town's public spaces. This continuity is also being applied to the Cemetery. This has been very effective, as these items are pleasing to look at and they do work to unify the different components of the town.

Recognition needs to be given to those who continued their pursuit of CN until the weed issue, specifically toadflax, was addressed. Eliminating this noxious weed from CN's yard will go a long way to eliminating the spread into the rest of the community.

There were some obvious infestations of yellow clematis and creeping bellflower and these need to be eradicated. You can refer to the Alberta Invasive Plants Council website www.invasiveplants.ab.ca to obtain the current list of prohibited and noxious plants in Alberta.

The walking trail to Fox Lake Campground is covered in red shale which is attractive but there are some spots where the shale could be topped up.

The town has also made good use of mulch around trees and in park beds. This will go a long way to reducing the hours spent on maintenance and assist in the retention of moisture. The natural process of decomposing requires that mulch needs to be topped up on a regular basis (potentially ever year).

Congratulations to the individual who took it upon herself to create the large mural on the side of the downtown building. This has a positive impact on the overall look of the downtown core.

Recommendations:

The view approaching Hanna on Hwy 9 from the west is not indicative of what Hanna is like. The stretch of community out there tends to be commercial or industrial and little has been done to improve the view. Perhaps these businesses could be encouraged to plant trees and shrubs around their properties, or the town could look at planting trees along those ditches to create a visual break.

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<p>"Floral Displays" evaluates the efforts made by the municipality, businesses and institutions, and residential sectors of the community 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) 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	13.5
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	15	13
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora	10	7.5
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	15.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	7.5
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	11
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	6
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	5
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	15	13
Quality of planting and maintenance	15	12.5
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).	10	9
Volunteer recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in floral displays	15	12
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities.	15	13.5
Floral Displays Total	175.00	139.00

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

As a celebratory project the CiB Committee purchased 100 barrels for sponsorship by people who wished to recognize or memorialize people who have had, or currently do have, a role in the Hanna community. These extra barrels decorate parks and streets and offer a blooming display throughout the town. Some have been clustered and some are placed singularly with a very positive affect. The variety of plants used in the barrels enhances the overall look.

The churches, senior complexes and schools appear to be nicely landscaped and maintained. It would appear some of the businesses could offer more in the way of participation to enhance their storefronts.

Many residents obviously take pride in their yards as there are many beautiful yards with fabulous floral displays showcasing annuals and perennials.

Use of barrels on their side with flowers spilling out in some of the Hector King Hunter Park beds is a nice touch. Some hardscape elements always add to the overall look.

Recommendations:

Gout weed has taken over the East bed of Hector King Hunter Park. The shrubs, evergreens and other perennials planted in that bed are hardly visible. Perhaps instead of trying to control the gout weed, you might consider removing the plants which can no longer be seen and placing them where they might be better utilized.

Mention - Rating - Description

Municipality: Town of Hanna

Mention: 100 Centennial Barrels

Bloom Rating: 4 blooms

Description of the Mention

The community of Hanna celebrates its 100 anniversary this summer. As a celebratory project the CIB Committee purchased 100 barrels for sponsorship by people who wished to recognize or memorialize people who have had, or currently do have, a role in the Hanna community. This project proved to be an overwhelming success and led people into discussions about accomplishments and the upcoming Hanna Centennial. These barrels decorate parks and streets and add a festive note to the town.

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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 contribution of our sponsors and partners