



Town of Hanna, Alberta

Communities in Bloom - 2019 National & International Edition

5 Blooms – Bronze Communities in Bloom Support of Tree Planting

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YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia, September 28th, 2019 –

The Town of Hanna received a 5 Blooms – Bronze rating and a special mention for *Communities in Bloom Support of Tree Planting* during the 2019 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The Town of Hanna participated in the Class of Champions - Small category along with Ashcroft BC; Indian Head SK and Kinistino SK.

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 Berta Briggs and Larry Hall wrote:

"As a prairie town in Alberta, Hanna really appreciates the value of trees. When Hanna was established there were no trees, every tree has been planted and the dry conditions and harsh winters make it difficult to establish trees. The Communities in Bloom Committee makes great efforts to support residents in their tree planting efforts. They worked with the Town to prepare and offer tree selection and planting information to residents. They offer an adopt-a-tree program and this year started providing a \$5.00 rebate to any resident purchasing a water bag for any newly planted tree. Thanks to early settlers and now the ongoing efforts of Communities in Bloom, Hanna enjoys a slowly growing tree canopy with the resulting beauty and benefits."

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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