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50 Ontario communities honoured at 2010 Communities in Bloom Ontario Awards

Representatives of communities across Ontario were present in Sarnia on September 24th & 25th, 2010 to celebrate their achievements at the Ontario Communities in Bloom Awards Ceremonies. Each received a certificate and, where applicable, a Trillium Bloom Rating of Excellence and Special Mention of the community's remarkable attributes or projects.

Nine communities were presented with Ontario Special Category Awards in:

Tidiness • Environmental Awareness • Community Involvement
Natural & Cultural Heritage Conservation • Urban Forest Management
Landscaped Areas • Floral Displays • Turf & Groundcovers • Park Revitalization

Communities in Bloom – Ontario, the Ontario Edition of the National Canadian Organization, is a non-profit Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and the challenge of friendly competition. The program strives to improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of Canada's neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets through the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees. A focus on environmental awareness and the preservation of heritage and culture is an integral part of its success resulting in an improved quality of life.

Ontario Category Award Winners

<i>CRITERIA AWARD</i>	<i>SPONSORED*/PRESENTED BY</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>
Tidiness	*Trystan Site Furnishings	Municipality of Lambton Shores
Environmental Awareness	*Association of Municipalities of Ontario – AMO	Prince Edward County Community Greenspace – Picton Shire Hall Parkette
Community Involvement	City of Sarnia	Town of Lincoln
Natural & Cultural Heritage Conservation	*Ontario Small Urban Municipalities – OSUM	Town of Goderich – Restoration of Goderich Lighthouse & Garden
Urban Forest Management	*International Society of Arboriculture – Ontario Chapter	City of Markham – Grandview Park Woodlot Restoration
Landscaped Areas	*Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association	City of Sarnia – Sarnia Horticultural Society Park Upgrade
Floral Displays	EXPO (formerly Garden EXPO)	Crystal Beach Beautification Committee – Crystal Beach Streetscaping Program
Turf & Groundcover	CiB Ontario	Municipality of North Glengarry – Beautification of Alexandria Town Hall
Park Revitalization	Ontario Parks Association - OPA	City of Hamilton – Extreme Park Makeover

CIB ONTARIO FULL PROGRAM – JUDGED

The CiB Full Program is for those who aspire to excel in the CiB Ontario Program and advance to the National and International CiB Program. Two CiB Judges visit your community over a two day period using a comprehensive evaluation form will report on the particular features and projects that the community has undertaken and presented. The judges will offer constructive suggestions and recommendations, in each of the eight criteria areas of Tidiness, Environmental Awareness, Community Involvement, Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation, Urban Forest Management, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, Turf & Groundcovers.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM – ONTARIO 2010 “Trillium Bloom” Ratings for Provincial Edition

Population Category	Community	Bloom Rating
5,001 – 10,000	Municipality of Bluewater	4 Blooms
	Municipality of South Huron	4 Blooms
10,001 – 20,000	Municipality of Lambton Shores	5 Blooms
20,001 – 50,000	Town of Lincoln	5 Blooms
	City of Cornwall	5 Blooms

Scoring: 64% - 72.9% 3 Blooms; 73% to 81.9% - 4 Blooms; 82% or more - 5 Blooms

Congratulations to the 21 Ontario National Participants:

City of Barrie, City of Brampton, City of Dryden, Town of Essex, City of Kawartha Lakes, City of Kingston, City of Oshawa, City of Pembroke, City of Stratford, City of Toronto, City of Vaughan, Community of Glen Morris (County of Brant), Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Town of Aylmer, Town of Goderich, Town of Gravenhurst, Town of Ingersoll, Town of Minto, Town of Whitby, CFB – Kingston, CFB – Petawawa.

These National/International Finalists will receive their results at the national Communities in Bloom National Symposium and Awards to be held in Halifax, NS on October 27 to 30, 2010.

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE – MEMBERSHIP

CiB Ontario makes it easy for you to showcase your community and assist you in your efforts to promote all the great things in your community. Enjoy all the benefits of membership in the CiB Program in a “Membership Only” capacity to help you in your efforts to maintain Communities in Bloom Ontario standards with ongoing membership, continued support and networking through CiB-O to keep up to date on current trends and practices.

Program	Participating Community	Category
Community Showcase	City of London	Membership
Community Showcase	City of Peterborough	Membership
Community Showcase	Municipality of Red Lake	Membership
Community Showcase	Municipality of Southwest Middlesex	Membership
Community Showcase	Municipality of Trent Hills	Membership
Community Showcase	Town of Carleton Place	Membership
Community Showcase	Town of Fort Erie	Membership
Community Showcase	Town of Huntsville	Membership
Community Showcase	Township of Front of Yonge	Membership

COMMUNITY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Showcase your community project! Do you have an outstanding project, event or organization that should receive special recognition? This program is suited to community groups with specific projects or geographical segments within a community who are interested in participating in the Communities in Bloom program.

In partnership with Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association and Municipal Cultural Planning Inc., each project is evaluated by a jury of professionals based on Community Spirit, Innovative Ideas & Environmental Sustainability with one community selected as the winner of the *CiB Ontario Award of Excellence*.

Program	Participating Community/Group	Project
Award of Excellence	City of Hamilton	Community Clean Trailer
Award of Excellence	City of Hamilton	Extreme Park Makeover♦
Award of Excellence	City of Hamilton	Hamilton Trillium Awards Program
Award of Excellence	City of Markham	Grandview Park Woodlot Restoration♦
Award of Excellence	City of Niagara Falls – Park in the City Committee	Olympic Torch Run Legacy Trail: Revitalizing an Abandoned Rail Corridor
Award of Excellence	City of Sarnia	Sarnia Horticultural Society Park Upgrade♦
Award of Excellence	City of Waterloo – University Downs Neighbourhood Association	University Downs Park Playground
Award of Excellence	Crystal Beach Beautification Committee	Crystal Beach Streetscaping Program♦
Award of Excellence	Friends of Pelee	Beautification of Pelee
Award of Excellence	Municipality of Kincardine	<i>Tiverton Environmental Green School Project***</i>
Award of Excellence	Municipality of North Glengarry	Beautification of Alexandria Town Hall♦
Award of Excellence	Municipality of Southwest Middlesex	2010 Open Garden Tour
Award of Excellence	Prince Edward County Community Greenspace	Picton Shire Hall Parkette♦
Award of Excellence	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	The Bear Carving
Award of Excellence	Town of Goderich	Restoration of Goderich Lighthouse & Garden♦
Award of Excellence	Town of Huntsville	The Brunel Historic Lift Locks Renewal Project
Award of Excellence	Town of Wasaga Beach	Schooner Town Heritage Site Restoration
Award of Excellence	Township of Red Rock	Church Park Rehabilitation
Award of Excellence	Village of Neustadt	Keeping Neustadt Blooming

♦ *Category Award Winners*

*****Congratulations to the 2010 Winner of the CiB Ontario Award of Excellence:**

MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE Tiverton Environmental Green School Project

**ANNOUNCING TWO EXCITING EVENTS in partnership with
Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association**



We cordially invite all Mayors & Councillors to be our guest to the
3rd Annual Green Communities, Parks & Partnerships Event
on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Toronto Congress Centre

There is excitement in the air these days as Ontario Parks Association, Communities in Bloom and Landscape Ontario have come together to Celebrate, Educate and Advocate for the "Enjoyment and Healthy Lifestyles" of our treasured parks and greenspace sector.

These groups have over 150 years of collective greenspace and community leadership behind them. By combining their mandates, Ontario Parks Association's "Protecting Tomorrow Today," Communities in Bloom's "People, Plants and Pride" and Landscape Ontario's "Green for Life," we can directly influence our sector's future, and enhance lives for those of all ages and abilities

Green Communities, Parks & Partnerships event is designed to bring together over 200 municipal leaders, parks staff and community stakeholders to develop strategies encouraging people of all ages and abilities to enjoy gardening, recreational parks, parklands and landscapes.

For your free invitation or more information, please call Lee Rozon, CiB Ontario at 1-877-640-4005.



Exciting news - Communities in Bloom Ontario in partnership with Landscape Ontario's Expo is very pleased to announce that the 2011 CiB Awards will be held at EXPO - Canada's largest fall trade show for the floral and garden industry!

Expo is produced by Landscape Ontario in partnership - for the third year in a row - with Flowers Canada (Ontario) Inc., Master Gardeners of Ontario, Niagara Economic Development Corporation, The Canadian Academy of Floral Art (CAFA) and Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph. And for the first time ever, Expo will be the place to be for the Communities in Bloom Provincial Awards, at the Toronto Congress Centre in October 2011.

The setting could not be more perfect and we extend an invitation for you to explore Expo 2010 on October 19-20, 2010. Expo connects more than 3,000 industry professionals — well-known retailers, greenhouse growers and nursery operators, garden centre owners, florists, gift and mass merchant retailers plus hundreds of landscape designers and interior plantscape professionals — in Canada's largest horticultural events. For the past two years, the show has been re-designed to focus on the opportunity for visitors to network with their peers and make new connections.

Be our guest at
Expo 2010 -
register for free by
Oct. 1, 2010

Attend Expo 2010 and be inspired, network, learn new trends, see exciting displays of vivid and fragrant floral displays! Register by October 1, 2010 to attend **FREE** at www.gardenexpo.ca

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