

Millet Accomplishments in the Communities in Bloom Program

1996 Turf Areas

1997 PROVINCIAL WINNER

1998 National – Floral Displays

1999 National – Landscaped Areas

2000 International – Integration of Historical Artifacts & Landscaping

2001 NATIONAL WINNER – Museum Project

2002 International – HWY 2A Park

2003 International – Pipestone Creek Park

2004 National – Dedication to One's Community

2005 Provincial – Community Involvement

2006 PROVINCIAL WINNER – Natural & Cultural Heritage Conservation

2007 NATIONAL WINNER – Heritage Conservation throughout Millet

2008 National - Heritage Murals & Criteria Award for Heritage Conservation

2009 National – Museum Archives

2010 National – Floral Displays on Main Street

2011 National – Hail Storm Clean Up
Joint Winner Community Display

2012 National – Volunteer Recognition by Town & Businesses

2013 National - Special Mention for Salute to the Troops



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A Community Working Together

Millet in Bloom



A Town of Millet Program

What is Communities in Bloom?



Communities in Bloom is a non-profit Canadian organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, & beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the promotion of green spaces in community settings.

The program evaluates the accomplishments of the entire community (municipal, private, corporate, & institutional sectors, citizens) on eight key criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Turf & Groundcovers, Floral Displays and Community Involvement.

The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities all over Canada. These benefits make Communities in Bloom a program where everyone wins. Participants can benefit from the program through community initiatives and programs, while a valuable exchange network allows communities to share accomplishments, best practices, and projects.

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.



What are the Key Criteria?

Tidiness: An overall effort made by the municipality, businesses, Institutions & residents of the community. Elements for evaluation are green spaces (parks, etc.), medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets, municipal, commercial, institutional & residential properties, ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots, & buildings and signage, with regards to weeds, maintenance & repair, graffiti and vandalism.

Environmental Action: Includes efforts and achievements by the municipality, businesses, institutions, & residents of the community, with respect to: policies, bylaws, & 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.



Heritage Conservation: Includes efforts made by the municipality, businesses and institutions, along with residents to preserve heritage within their community. Priority in evaluation is given to natural heritage, as well as integration of landscape and streetscapes as it pertains to the built heritage of the community. Overall preservation of traditions & customs through year-round festivals & celebrations, events & parades, heritage foods and the arts, as well as participation of groups such as Historical Society are considered for this evaluation.

Urban Forestry: Includes efforts made by the municipality, businesses, institutions along with residents with regards to written policies, bylaws, 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.

Landscape: Supports all efforts to create an environment showcasing the overall surroundings: parks and grounds, green spaces, streetscapes, including turf & groundcovers. The overall plan & design must be suitable for the intended use and location on a year round basis. Elements of evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf & 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 all year round.



Turf & Groundcover: Is included in Landscape and also remains an outstanding achievement award.

Floral Displays: Efforts by the municipality, businesses & institutions, along with residential sectors of the community to design, plan, execute and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design & arrangements of the flowers & plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, color, & harmony. This pertains to flower beds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.

Community Involvement: Includes public involvement in various community programs and projects, recognition of volunteers, & support toward community initiatives by municipal, business, & private sector. Recognized as such a major component of the overall program, it has become a key factor to be included in each of the sections, & still remains a specific outstanding achievement award.