



### **Town of Devon, Alberta**

5 Blooms - Silver

"Community Spirit Lives Here" Program

#### **PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The Town of Devon received a rating of 5 Blooms - Silver and a special mention for "Community Spirit Lives Here" Program during the 2024 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in the City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The Town of Devon participated in the National Population category along with Capreol ON; North Bay ON; and St. Paul AB. The community also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for the CiB Heritage Conservation Award.

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 – regarding the following criteria: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant & Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Colleen Stockford and Christine Isaac wrote: "Community Spirit Lives Here!" is a program that celebrates the contributions of Devon's volunteers, service personnel, great neighbors, and business owners who work hard to build a strong community. These individuals are impressive on their own, but together, their efforts have an incredible and positive impact on the residents of Devon. People are nominated by

others in the community, and Communities in Bloom completes a biography for each recipient. These biographies are then displayed digitally and at the Devon Public Library.”

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, please visit [www.communitiesinbloom.ca](http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca).

### **About Communities in Bloom**

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian volunteer and partnership-driven non-profit organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by nurturing environmental sustainability, enhancements of green spaces, and heritage conservation, in cultural and natural environments encompassing municipal, residential, commercial, and institutional spaces. For more information about Communities in Bloom, visit [www.communitiesinbloom.ca](http://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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