



# Fall Newsletter



## Communities in Bloom 2024 Edition Awards!



Communities in Bloom Alberta is excited to announce the following evaluated Member Communities and their accomplishments for 2024! Well Done Alberta!

Community	Special Mention	Score	Bloom Rating
Athabasca	Community Collaboration & Partnerships	83.5%	5 Blooms
Barrhead	Revitalization of the CiB Program & Committee	81.5%	4 Blooms
Bon Accord	Guerilla Garden Project	83.6%	5 Blooms
Breton	Community Involvement	First Evaluation - Novice Member	
Calmar	Dedication to Main Street Beautification	76.5%	4 Blooms
Didsbury	Banner Contest	78.3%	4 Blooms
Elk Point	Community Gardens	72.4%	3 Blooms
Sexsmith	Completion of Flood Mitigation Berm	76.2%	4 Blooms
Whitecourt	River Spur Project	83.9%	5 Blooms

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### **The Year in Review - 2024**

This year saw many changes to Communities in Bloom in Alberta. Primarily, the shift from under the umbrella of Alberta Recreation & Parks to an independent Society. Now that was a lot of paperwork!

Our new name is Communities in Bloom Alberta Society, with a new website, a new board of directors, a new Provincial Coordinator, and lots of new ideas - keep reading!

Our website is always changing! We welcome new ideas and encourage you to visit the *Resources Centre* - we are always adding new information, documents and ideas to support you and your community.



### **Board of Directors**

Our current Board of Directors is a small group – to get the organization up and running!

We are now recruiting for new Board members! If you are interested in sitting on the Board of Directors for Communities in Bloom Alberta Society, we want to hear from you!! Please drop a note to Sharon at [sharon@cibalberta.ca](mailto:sharon@cibalberta.ca) and she will send you the information about the board so you can make an informed decision to commit! We would love to have you!!!



### **Evaluation Team**

Another year of amazing community visits for our judges! We are recruiting for Judges for the 2025 Edition of Communities in Bloom Alberta.

Please visit our website to see our wonderful judges and learn about becoming a judge yourself! You don't have to be a horticulturist, an arborist, etc. Passion about communities is the most important attribute of our judges! We have a lot of fun and the opportunity to visit communities in Alberta we would not otherwise see.

You can fill out an **[application form online](#)** if you are interested in joining our team!

***Join the Team! Become a Judge!***

### **Membership - a new approach**

Becoming a Member of Communities in Bloom Alberta is easy! Communities have the choice of being evaluated by our Evaluation Team of judges or, taking a break and sitting out the evaluation as a non evaluated member.

Membership will now be an Annual amount. Register at any time during the year, but before May 31st if your community wishes to be evaluated.

There are three types of Membership - a Novice member is a community that has been out of the CiB Program for 3 or more years.

Most significant is the Member Community - Non Evaluated. The cost is very low, but the benefits are high!

1. Member Community – non evaluated \$125
2. Member Community – evaluated \$ based on population
3. Member Community Novice – evaluated \$ based on population with \$100 discount

Population Evaluated	Cost
1-2,000	\$300
2,001-10,000	\$400
10,001-14,999	\$500
15,000+	\$600

NOTES:

- Membership is an **ANNUAL** amount – can be paid at any time during the year – but before May 31<sup>st</sup> if the community wishes to be evaluated.
- A Member Community may only be non-evaluated for a maximum of 2 consecutive years.

Visit our website to Register for Membership, or for more information on ***Becoming a Communities in Bloom Member! – Communities in Bloom Alberta***



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