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B.C. COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NEWSLETTER

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Season’s Greetings

BC Communities in Bloom Board and Judges would like to wish all our Communities, and their amazing Volunteers a Happy and Healthy New Year!



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2025 marks our **20th year** as a provincial not for profit organization. We encourage all past community participants and former volunteers to reach out to the provincial coordinator with your FAVOURITE MEMORIES.

Celebrating commUnity Accomplishments

First time participant Chase, rocking the Orange floral theme. Way to grow Chase!



Award presentations at the **City of Castlegar** with **Castlegar Communities in Bloom** team.





BC CiB Directors Heather Doheny and Linda Tomlinson presented the Showcase Certificate to the **Vernon and District Garden Club** that is very active within Vernon.

The people pictured are members of the club that care of the rose garden at the North Okanogan Hospice House where residents, their families and staff often gather or sit and reflect.

Thanks to Rosemary Botner, a club member, who sent in the Showcase.



Heather Doheny is handing Alicja Paradzik, the President of the **Kelowna Garden Club**, the certificate for achieving second place in the Great Places Showcase prize contest.

Alicja along with her committee members; Linda Edser, Marilyn DeGraw, and Lisa Boulanger lead the celebration of the club turning 100 years.

They planned a one-day conference, **Gardening into the Future** that took place in February which drew people from up and down the valley as well as

across the eastern part of British Columbia. It was a day to talk gardening and dream of warmer weather. The club wishes to thank BC CiB and Equinox for the set of Desert Planters that will be put to good use next season.



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BC Communities in Bloom 2025 PROVINCIAL EDITION Registration Form

DEADLINE
March 31, 2025

MUNICIPALITY (PLEASE PRINT)	TOTAL POPULATION	MAYOR
NAME OF MUNICIPAL CONTACT		POSITION / TITLE
ADDRESS	CITY	POSTAL CODE
PHONE	MUNICIPAL CONTACT EMAIL	
NAME OF COMMUNITY CONTACT OR LOCAL CiB CHAIR		WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR COMMUNITY
PHONE	COMMUNITY CONTACT/CHAIR E-MAIL	
PROGRAM OPTIONS (indicate your level of participation) REGISTRATION FEE Based on Population Size:		
<input type="checkbox"/> GROW - MODIFIED EVALUATION - 3 Criteria NEW PROGRAM OPTION! <input type="radio"/> Enhancement <input type="radio"/> Conservation <input type="radio"/> Other Combo Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a Certificate and Report. Eligible to win a Criteria Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - \$ 375 <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$ 450 <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$ 500 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - \$ 600 (Plus 5% GST)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - \$ 700 <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - \$ 800 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 - \$ 925 <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - \$1150 (Plus 5% GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> BLOOM - FULL EVALUATION - 6 Criteria Results are based on an in-person evaluation. More information on page 2. Community is awarded a BLOOM RATING and 18-page Report. Eligible to win a Criteria Award or Community Involvement Trophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to 1000 - \$ 500 <input type="checkbox"/> 1001 to 2000 - \$ 600 <input type="checkbox"/> 2001 to 5000 - \$ 675 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001 to 10,000 - \$ 800 (Plus 5% GST)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10,001 to 20,000 - \$ 925 <input type="checkbox"/> 20,001 to 50,000 - \$1025 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001 to 100,000 - \$1225 <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000+ - \$1525 (Plus 5% GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> FRIENDS - NON-EVALUATED – Half of Full Evaluation Registration Fee based on population size noted above. Recognition category for past CiB communities who do not want an evaluation but want to continue showing their support for their CiB initiatives and the BC Communities in Bloom provincial program.		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED Population Fee + 5% GST = \$ _____ GST # 8446 03670 RT0001		
PLEASE INVOICE US AT <input type="radio"/> Above Address or		
MAIL FORM & FEE TO BC Communities in Bloom c/o 4451 212 Street, Langley, BC V3A 7Z8 ← Please note updated mailing info		
OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD at WWW.BCCIB.CA NOTE: Please also email completed form to Catherine at c.kennedy@telus.net		
CANCELLATION POLICY Before May 15th a \$50.00 fee may be charged, after that, all registration fees are non-refundable.		
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EVALUATED OPTIONS	
<p>GROW MODIFIED EVALUATION – 3 Criteria Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to first time, smaller or returning municipalities who want a simpler CiB option. • Participants may choose any 3 criteria to be evaluated OR choose a theme. • Expect to provide 1-night accommodation for pair of judges. (5-hour tour day) 	<p>AWARDING LEVELS NO BLOOMS</p> <p>ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD</p>
<p> ENHANCEMENT Theme</p> <p>Community Appearance Landscape Areas Plant & Floral Displays</p>	<p> CONSERVATION Theme</p> <p>Environmental Action Heritage Conservation Tree Management</p>
<p>BLOOM FULL EVALUATION – all 6 Criteria.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Bloom winners receive a Street Banner. • Open to any size Municipality wanting the full program experience and its many benefits. • Communities gain social value from the community involvement elements of the program. • Entry point for National and International Communities in Bloom competition. • Expect to provide 2-nights accommodation for a pair of judges. (2-hr first day, 7-hr tour day) 	
<p>AWARDING BLOOMS</p> <p>ELIGIBLE TO WIN A CRITERIA AWARD</p> <p>OR</p> <p>OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TROPHY</p>	
<p>COMMUNITY RECEIVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Getting Started Package of Information. ▪ Evaluation by a pair of trained BC CiB Judges. ▪ Evaluation Report with Comments & Suggestions. ▪ Rating Certificate (Blooms only for full evaluated program). ▪ 5-Bloom Winners receive a special Street Banner. ▪ Profile on newsletter, press releases, www.bccib.ca website and Gardens BC tourism website. 	<p>PROGRAM BENEFITS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthens community pride for residents and businesses ▪ Collaborative, creates opportunities to celebrate volunteers ▪ Enhances enjoyment and value of green spaces ▪ Highlights climate action initiatives ▪ Contributes to a healthy social & economic lifestyle ▪ Profile for best features of the Community ▪ Measurable results with year over year benefits
<p>ADDITIONAL DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow a local ‘in Bloom’ committee to build collaboration with residents, businesses, service clubs and a municipal rep. (Councillor, Public Works, Administration or Parks & Recreation staff). • Plan to meet online mid-season with Provincial CiB Judges with a Virtual Check Up on how to support your CiB efforts. • Develop a basic budget to cover registration fee and to create community wide CiB awareness projects, i.e.: parades, tidy up days. Consider planning some fundraising events too. Document volunteer contributions. • Create a Community Profile Document outlining the community’s achievements. Plan a judge’s tour to view community in the 3 or 6 evaluation criteria. (Once registered, additional information is provided in the Getting Started Package). • Host 2-judges in 2nd or 3rd week of July (TBC), in separate rooms (Hotel, B&B or Billeting if certain conditions can be met), with meals during evaluation day. • Communities will be presented a Certificate and a Report at the Provincial Awards in the fall. (Event details to be confirmed) • Evaluating three or six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and for future improvements. 	
NON-EVALUATED OPTIONS	
<p>FRIENDS For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation. Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project. See first page.</p>	
<p>SHOWCASE (requires separate form) Recognition program for individuals, communities, neighbourhoods of all sizes. Showcase a place or space and how you are using CiB to make a better community, and world. Acknowledge your volunteers.</p>	
<p>MEMBERSHIP (requires separate form) – www.bccib.ca The BC CiB organization represents all areas of the province, if you would like more information about becoming a director or a judge, please contact Catherine at c.kennedy@telus.net .</p>	

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