

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Since 1995, communities have recognized numerous benefits from participating in the program:

- * Increased civic pride and community involvement
- * Participation from all ages and walks of life
- * Citizens, groups, organizations, business and municipal government all mobilized and working together
- * Year-round projects and continuous improvement for the entire community
- * Information and cultural exchange within the community and with neighbouring, national and international communities
- * Valuable information and feedback from the judges
- * Decreased vandalism
- * Economic development and increased property values
- * Marketing and promotional opportunities
- * Positive benefits for the tourism, hospitality and retail industries
- * Improved quality of life



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Communities in Bloom is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental awareness and municipal beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program.

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Communities in Bloom is a Canadian beautification program that provides information education and awards Bloom Ratings for achievement in floral displays, landscapes, turf maintenance, urban forestry, community involvement, heritage conservation, environmental awareness and tidiness.

Vermilion has participated in Communities in Bloom since 2000. Since claiming the provincial title in 2000, Vermilion has been involved in the National Competition in the 3001-5000 population category. This category has proven to be one of the most competitive categories with as many as 11 municipalities participating. Vermilion has received the maximum 5 Blooms in 2005 and 2006, a goal the committee has set to achieve from day one. Our goal is to continually improve on our previous years while maintaining and implementing ideas from not only the judges, but from local committee members and interested citizens of Vermilion.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the local Communities in Bloom Committee should contact Kim at 853-4128. Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Through the program we strive to improve the appearance and tidiness of Vermilion's parks, open spaces and streets through the use of flowers, plants and trees.

- * **Main Street Hanging Basket and Container Program**
- * **Garden Tour**
- * **Town Clean-up**
- * **Host and Tour the Judges Throughout Vermilion**
- * **Locate and Identify Areas for Beautification**

If you are interested in any of these projects and would like to become involved please contact us.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

VOLUNTEER!

- * **Many people need help in tidying and weeding their yards**
- * **Pick up a piece litter**
- * **Show off an amazing floral display**
- * **Help eradicate noxious weeds by pulling them**
- * **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**



Public Areas



Private Residences

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