

Communities in Bloom Judging Results 2008

Five Blooms plus Special Mention for Community Partnerships

Having participated in International competition for the previous two years, Olds was originally not eligible to participate internationally this year – however, when a spot opened up due to another town dropping out, Olds was invited to take the spot, so of course we jumped at the chance!



This year we were a finalist in the International challenge – Small – category, receiving a Five-Bloom rating with a Special Mention for Community Partnerships. Olds tied with the winner of this category, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. The results of the International challenge were revealed at the annual Awards Ceremony on Saturday 20 September 2008.

The CIB judges were impressed to see that the Town of Olds appreciates how every effort to improve its quality of life has such a positive impact on the community and requires contributions from all sectors. Furthermore, the Communities in Bloom Task Force recognizes that combining all the efforts of various groups and individuals to focus on a common goal results in a more efficient process. As a result, the CIB Task Force in Olds has successfully

engineered remarkable partnerships among Town Council, businesses, churches, schools, not-for-profit groups and individuals that operate under the CIB umbrella. These partnerships have made and will continue to improve quality of life in Olds.

Stuart Ray, Director of Community Services for the Town of Olds says,

“Within the five-blooms rating there is a percentage range – we had a high percentage, so **our ranking is like winning a silver medal at the Olympics**...and there is nothing wrong with that! We can all be so proud of our accomplishments that we have achieved over the past year in our efforts to make Olds a great place in which to live and work.”

This year our flower colours were purple, pink and white, and Olds looked GREAT on Judging Day, 23 July 2008. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s Communities in Bloom challenge.



The Communities in Bloom Task Force, which is made up of a maximum of 11 members of the public, supports the entry of the Town of Olds in the annual provincial Communities in Bloom competition. The CIB Task Force undertakes the coordination of community response to the Communities in Bloom competition, including education of the public; encouraging participation by the community, businesses, organizations and individuals; and advising Town Council on present and proposed community initiatives, proposed annual promotion campaigns, and the results of the annual competition. Meetings are held at the discretion of the Task Force Chair. The Task Force has no authority to expend or commit funds on behalf of the Town of Olds. Support for the activities of the Task Force is provided by the Town of Olds Community Services department.

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