



Town of Ituna, Saskatchewan

Communities in Bloom - 2016 National & International Edition

Winner **5 Blooms Bronze** **Pristine Prairie Pride**

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REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, October 29, 2016 — The Town of Ituna is the winner of the Up to 4,500 population category. They received a 5 Blooms Bronze rating and a special mention for *Pristine Prairie Pride* during the 2016 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Regina, SK. The Town of Ituna competed against Bruderheim AB, Hanna AB, Maple Creek SK, Windsor NS, Witless Bay NL & Valhalla Centre AB.

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 – in regards to the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Roger Younker and Karri Loadman wrote: *"Pristine is the first word that comes to your mind when you enter the Town of Ituna. Located along an active CN main rail line, between Winnipeg and Saskatoon, the 800 residents are surrounded by farmland, and the town is largely reliant on agriculture. From Main street, with many repurposed buildings; to the parks; public gardens; residential properties; golf course; recreation facilities including ball fields, curling and hockey arenas; to the many churches and cemeteries; pristine continue to be front and centre. As the saying goes, there is a place for everything and everything is in its place".*

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 and the electronic copy of the Communities in Bloom magazine, please visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca

About Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. For more information about Communities in Bloom, visit 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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