



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.

Memorandum to Council

2023-M-246

Subject:	Communities in Bloom 2024
Agenda Date:	December 14, 2023
Attachments:	Correspondence

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive the report from the Municipal Clerk regarding Communities in Bloom 2024; AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby direct Municipal Staff to register the Municipality of Temagami in the population category.

INFORMATION

Projects can come to life in parks, neighborhoods and open spaces, and are evaluated by Communities in Bloom judges on factors including environmental stewardship and the preservation of heritage and cultural landmarks. This year, they are also encouraging communities to incorporate our color of the year, orange, into their projects as a way of honoring our Indigenous communities.

In recent years, there has been a significant shift in what people want and need in terms of public outdoor spaces. Taking part in the Communities in Bloom challenge is a concrete way to foster civic pride, help the environment and strengthen neighborhoods, while increasing investment opportunities and boosting tourism for Municipalities.

Here's how it works:

1. Communities register to participate online in one of two categories — either Population Category (community is evaluated and entered into the competition) or Friends Category (community is not evaluated for competition but becomes part of the Communities in Bloom Network).
2. Communities work together to create their vision and bring it to life.
3. For those entered in the Population Category, judges will evaluate your community in July or August 2024.
4. Communities receive their evaluations scores in the fall at a provincial symposium, and communities receiving a 5 Bloom rating will be invited to the CIB National competition. The cost for entry, which covers the cost of administration and project evaluation, is \$400-\$1,000 (depending on population) or \$250 for the Friends category.

Respectfully Submitted

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