Communities in Bloom

Department: Corporate Services

Background

- Communities in Bloom is a volunteer and partnership-driven organization that uses competitive evaluation to foster community strength, involvement, and continuous improvement. Program goals:

- Communities are evaluated on:

  - Tidiness

  - Environmental action

  - Heritage conservation

  - Urban forestry

  - Landscape

  - Floral displays

North Grenville's Evaluations

2023 Evaluation: 3/5 Blooms

Category	Score
Tidiness	105/150
Environmental Action	99/150
Heritage Conservation	99/150
Urban Forestry	115/175
Landscape	123/200
Floral Displays	105/175
Total	646/1000

2024 Evaluation: 4/5 Blooms

Category	Score
Tidiness	112/150
Environmental Action	108/150
Heritage Conservation	115/150
Urban Forestry	132/175
Landscape	144/200
Floral Displays	122/175
Total	733/1000

Recommendations

- **Increase floral displays around hamlet signage or explore non-plant material options**

- **Wrap hydro boxes with the town logo or artist-designed graphics**

- **Increase regular weeding of sidewalks throughout the downtown core**

- **Develop and implement a tree policy**

- **Consider development or training for staff to enhance horticultural knowledge and skills**

- **Protect the existing urban forest and encourage its growth amid ongoing development**

- **Consider conducting a comprehensive tree inventory**

- **Enact a detailed landscape maintenance plan**

- **Install additional wayfinding signs to direct visitors to outlying attractions and key locations**

- **Reconsider the placement of planters on the Prescott Street bridge**

- **Larger hanging planter baskets in downtown Kemptville**

Thank you!

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▶ **Tour hosts**

▶ **Profile book contributions**

▶ **Tour and profile book reviewers**

▶ **Everyone who helps our community bloom!**

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▶ **Get involved:**

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Recommendations

► ## THAT Council:

1. THAT Council receive the evaluation and rating from Communities in Bloom Ontario;

2. AND THAT Council direct staff to consider the feedback in preparing work plans and the budget.