

Evaluation Form

2019

**Town of Maple Creek,
Saskatchewan**



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Community: Town of Maple Creek
Province: Saskatchewan
Category: Circle of Excellence – Evaluated

Tidiness	126.50	/	150.00
Environmental Action	127.25	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	134.75	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	142.50	/	175.00
Landscape	169.75	/	200.00
Floral Displays	154.75	/	175.00
	Total		855.50 / 1000.00

Percentage : 85.55%

Bloom rating: 5 Blooms – Bronze

Bloom rating: Provincial, National and International Participants

Up to 55%: 1 bloom. 56% to 63%: 2 blooms. 64% to 72%: 3 blooms 73% to 81%: 4 blooms. >82%: 5 blooms.

Bloom Levels: National Edition and International Challenge, for evaluated communities only.

82 to 83.9%: 5 Blooms. 84 to 86.9%: 5 Blooms (Bronze). 87 to 89.9%: 5 Blooms (Silver). 90% and over: 5 Blooms Gold

Mention: Landscape Integration

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Michelle McKenzie Function: Mayor
Name: Royce Pettyjohn Function: Chair Community Development
Name: Elaine Hawrylak Function: Town Councillor

Judges

Name: Collen Stockford Name: James Bourgeois

Evaluation

date: July 20th 2019

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.

Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.

The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the scores are based on the perception of the current judges.

SECTORS OF EVALUATION

Municipal:

- Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes
- Properties owned and run by municipality such as museums, historical sites

Business and Institutions:

Properties owned and managed by

- **Business:** commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants
- **Institutions:** schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (such as YMCA, Legion), private museums, Government and Crown Corporations buildings (such as Canada Post, provincial and federal parks, etc.)
- **Tourism bureaus and Chamber of Commerce offices**
- **Farms:** in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section

Residential:

- Citizens and citizen groups acting within their own properties
- Residential property owners, rate payer groups

Community Involvement:

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it is considered in each segment of the evaluation.

- Individuals, community organizations, citizen groups (includes youth programs) – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement, including municipal spaces maintained through the efforts of volunteers and community
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations, school groups
- Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the municipality, businesses and institutions.

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Maple Creek has maintained and improved its 5 Blooms status – Bronze in the Circle of Excellence, Evaluated Category. Congratulations! Your will and actions are seen everywhere in the Town. Your beautiful results in many categories are a source of pride for your numerous volunteers. Your tenacity and your imagination in the face of challenges puts you on the path of accomplishment.

The immense energy of the Town shows numerous results with so many events yearlong for anyone who wants to be hands on. The Town is supported by provincial bodies.

The Mayor, Michelle McKenzie, was ever present and a great source of information, her interest for the Town was apparent. Royce Pettyjohn was a highly knowledgeable guide and a well of information. We thank them for the support offered in many fields.

All this could not have been possible without the backing of all these volunteers. The Town shows them support with numerous special events for fun and recognition, which creates an excellent pool of volunteers. There is good communications among seniors and the young ones (The golf club is an excellent example). The community is involved in many different activities: clean-up, environment (recycling, water conservation, etc.), historic heritage, xeriscape, planters, and community gardens.

Maple Creek is a hub of many attractions within driving distance. A few sights of interests include Cowntown events, the important artifacts in the community, outdoor activities and historic landmarks.

A cemetery caretaker has been appointed. The cemetery has been cleaned-up, mapped and is under inventory.

The welcome signage for Maple Creek is obvious from the main entries. The rolling landscape with Cypress Hills in the backdrop is unexpected for someone who thinks that Saskatchewan is flat as far as the eye can see.

Maple Creek has so much to offer to anyone looking to live in the area or to come visit and participate in one of your many events. We would like to thank you for being a part of the 25th edition of Communities In Bloom this year. We look forward to your participation again next year.

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TIDINESS		
<p>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions and the residents throughout the community. Elements for evaluation are parks and green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots, signs and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti prevention/removal and vandalism deterrent programs.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall Impressions Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	10	8
Anti-litter Community anti-litter awareness programs	10	8
Regulations Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, unsightly private property maintenance by-laws, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	8
Cleanliness Of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers etc.)	15	13.25
Municipal Properties Appearance Visual appeal and condition of municipal buildings and properties (including city hall grounds),	15	13.5
Business & Institutions		
Overall Impressions Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	13.25
Site Conditions Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	12.25
Furniture Appearance Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4
Residential		
Overall Impressions Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	16.25
Property Conditions Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	12.5
Community Involvement		
Public Participation In community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)	10	8.75
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community clean-up programs	10	8.75
Tidiness Total	150.00	126.50

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TIDINESS

Observations:

The first impression of Maple Creek is that it is neat, tidy and well kept. This impression lasts in most of the places in Town.

The Earth Week Spring Clean-up is an annual activity which many organisations are involved in. The cost of pizza is minimal for the results obtained. Bravo! Unfortunately, some landowners are indifferent to the efforts by the citizens and the Town. The results are a benefit to all.

Tidiness is important for people who love their township. Businesses and institutions (private or public), by their actions set the standard of what is tidiness for everyone to see. This raises the expectations of what is acceptable.

The Post Office received a nice and inviting facelift; the community gardens across the street echo the beauty of this small corner.

The garbage bins are at eye level and are well fed.

Recommendations:

The indifferent landowners should be made aware of the work and efforts of the CiB committee and volunteers, the commitment of the Town and the benefits it yields. This should be an incentive to be part of the parade, not to miss it.

Incentives for cleanliness should stimulate landlords and businesses to act in this direction. Interest and encourage them.

Curbs between sidewalks and streets are often neglected. Make sure that whoever is responsible is aware of their civic responsibilities toward the Town and their peers who live in the same environment.

Some bags could be available to pick up trash and rubbish when one walks on public properties if there is an inclination or an urge to beautify the surroundings.

Some of your side streets in Town have tree debris and what seems to be sand left over from the winter. We would suggest that maybe you have a clean-up day with everyone involved to take care of this; where the municipality sweeps the streets and the landowners help pick up the debris.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<p>Environmental action pertains to the impact of human activities on the environment and the subsequent efforts and achievements of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices for waste reduction and landfill diversion, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable Development Strategies Policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning/vision; effective bylaws/policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	17.5
Waste Reduction Reduction of waste going to landfill and results (3-R: reduce, reuse and recycle), municipal composting programs, including activities such as composting sites, yard waste collections, mulching of wood debris (Christmas trees, hedge trimmings, etc.) & reclamation of cut trees. Handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection and reuse of compost material.	20	18.5
Water Conservation Use-reduction programs such as promotions, efficient irrigation, use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	15	13.5
Energy Conservation Programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar) and initiatives such as: energy-efficient appliances, shielding for night skies, efficient street lighting	15	12
Environmental Initiatives, Innovations and Actions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways; - Horticultural practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales, permeable surfaces and rain water management - Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation - Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission (carbon reduction). 	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Participation in The Environmental Effort Waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	7.75
Corporate Environmental Action Innovation/stewardship, initiatives, activities (for example: environmental clean-up activities)	10	7.75
Residential		
Participation in Environmental Initiatives 3-R (reduce, reuse and recycle), composting	10	7.75
Water Conservation Practices such as water use reduction, rainwater collection and rain gardens	15	13.5
Community Involvement		
Public Participation – Civil Action Participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	4
Public Participation in Activities Community (including children/youth), neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership, etc.)	10	8.5
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8.5
Environmental Action Total	150.00	127.25

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

The water management is no-nonsense and wise. It sheds light on the different uses of untreated and treated water; the latter is taken for granted and utilised as if it was an unlimited resource. It raises the awareness of this natural resource.

The collection of rainwater is a savvy move to improve the surroundings and acknowledge the reality of the environment which we wish to respect. Rain barrels and the rebate related, cisterns and catchment tanks, planters with reservoirs, all these actions and others are witnesses on how we treat the environment we live in and our adaptation to the local situation and climate.

The recycling program and landfill are two important actions which are friendly to nature by putting into action the 3-Rs, reduce, reuse and recycle. These are excellent examples of a natural and respectful path toward preserving nature, our living milieu and us.

The workshops either from the school (Horticulture/Home Economics), from CiB or the Town, promote the responsibility of citizenship. Furthermore, it nurtures the skills and the confidence in environmental fields (water, compost, recycling and land).

Landfill management is exemplary. Screening and recycling at entry are thoughtful initiatives. Reusing what is salvageable is even better. The purchase of the compactor to extend the lifespan of the site for future generations. The 3 holes golf and bird houses on site are incentives that show we can use our imagination to better our environment.

Recommendations:

The Canadian Pacific Railways is a corporate citizen of Maple Creek. It is tied to the Town through history and the environment. CP has a responsibility to align with the values of the Town and has the means to ensure a sustainable environment for the town and its citizens: they should take actions or plan to support the community they are part of: in doing so they will change their image and gain respect in the community.

Brownfield remedies: non-invasive solutions can be proposed. Planters above ground with water reservoir would produce seasonal results. Low seasonal prairie grasses can gradually colonize the area with minimal care. Some timeless and simple artwork would improve the look of the site.

Promote a welcoming environment for birds with plants, waterholes and bird houses. Insect eating birds can be encouraged, such as purple Martins.

A rain barrel program can be promoted in non-private areas such as the Hospital. Patients could water and care for the plants. The program could be extended to others such as the library, Museums, and Community gardens.

A draw or fund raiser for the environment can be set up. Once a week have a 50/50 with participating local businesses. Whoever wishes to participate has an assigned number. One can buy the numbered tokens he wishes and bid accordingly.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<p>Heritage conservation includes efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Preservation of natural heritage pertains to policies, plans and actions concerning all elements of biodiversity including flora and fauna ecosystems and associated geological structures and formations. Cultural conservation refers to the heritage that helps define the community including the legacy of tangible (built/hard assets) elements such as heritage buildings, monuments, memorials, cemeteries, artifacts, museums and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The participation of groups such as historical societies and conservation groups is considered.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Natural Heritage Plans Management and preservation policies, plans programs and initiatives: including eco systems, eco parks, trail networks, grasslands, naturalization, wetlands, urban agriculture/farming, wildlife, protection of sensitive habitats, species at risk and support for at risk pollinators.	20	17.5
Natural Heritage Promotion Management and promotion of natural heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development/tourism) including activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites (including trail networks) for and by the public.	15	13.75
Cultural Heritage Plans Policies, by-laws, plans and preservation initiatives for heritage buildings, cemeteries, artefacts, museums, monuments, heritage trees and gardens, including their integration with streetscapes and landscape	15	14
Cultural Heritage Activities Initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	15	14
Business & Institutions		
Natural Heritage Assets Conservation, restoration and integration of natural heritage, including eco parks, conservation areas, trails, heritage gardens, trees and landscapes.	10	8.5
Cultural Heritage Assets Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts including their integration with the built/hard?, streetscapes and green landscapes	10	9
Residential		
Cultural Heritage Initiatives Conservation/restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts on residential lands	10	8.5
Community Involvement		
Natural Heritage Public Participation Participation in community (including children/youth), neighbourhood or individual natural heritage programs and initiatives including developing policies and plans, site improvements (including trails, eco parks , reforestation and management, maintenance, conservation and education initiatives	20	17
Natural Heritage – Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including environmental groups) in community-initiated natural heritage activities and programs	10	9.25
Cultural Heritage - Public Participation Participation in community (including children/youth), neighbourhood or individual cultural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	15	14
Cultural Heritage - Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including historical societies) in community-initiated cultural heritage activities and programs.	10	9.25
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	134.75

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

“Where the Past meets the Present”. This represents the rich heritage in which Maple Creek is endowed. This is well put forward in so many ways by the Town and its citizens.

The Heritage District is an interesting and attractive magnet in the Town, sustained by all, especially by businesses and municipality.

The Nekaneet First Nation is a part of the Heritage and an underline in some events.

There are many museums with a variety of different subjects, yet all of them connecting with each other. All that’s presented, branch to form a wider picture, which reflects on the Town and outside of its boundaries.

It is clear to see that you are keeping with the history of Maple Creek. Your special signage for the historical district is well done. This fits in well with all of the Festivals and Rode events you hold with much success.

Recommendations:

Saskatchewan has many different parts, landscapes, climates, different from the mental images we have. Emphasize the differences: topography (rolling landscape vs flat lands), temperamental rainfalls, climatic zone and its consequences (ranches vs farmland). Promote these differences in human activities (which Maple Creek has successfully adapted), the physical landscapes, and the uniqueness of the situation. All are very interesting and well worth knowing more about.

Maple Creek is a hub in the south west of Saskatchewan: Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, Walsh, Swift Current, Medicine Hat, Eastend (Frenchman Riviera), The Great Sandhills, Grassland/ValMarie, and the States. There are many assorted activities to draw from. Promote that Maple Creek is the centre of it all, a great adventure.

More acknowledgment of the Jasper Cultural Historic Center would be beneficial. There are small private collections which surely would interest some of the public: The Charles Russel Prints (vignettes of the XIX century Far West), heritage saddles collections and more.

The empty showcases of some vacant businesses on Jasper Street should be dressed up. From the moment they are empty, it is an obvious marketing place to promote museums or events (easily updated) or collections, such as reproductions of the Charles Russel Prints.

The Jasper Hostel is an eyesore to the Heritage District. The landowner should be encouraged to improve the outdoor aspects of the building.

The Canadian Pacific Railways is a corporate citizen of Maple Creek. It is part of the History of Maple Creek. This link should be underlined in the Heritage District and CPR probably has many stories worth listening to.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
<p>Urban forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, pollinator-friendly tree selection, tree inventory, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall Impression Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	8.75
Strategic Plans Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	15	13
Urban Forestry Plan Plan, design and inventory management including integration with overall green infrastructure landscape plan, and measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	20	16
Plan of Action Procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy and pollinator habitat tree species, recommended tree list and tree planting standards.	10	8.25
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	7.25
Public Information Programs Provides information on good planting techniques, best practices and maintenance programs	15	13
Maintenance Quality Best practices with demonstrated results	10	8
Qualified Resources Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff and/or qualified experienced contractors) and/or in place training programs	5	4
Business & Institutions		
Tree inventory Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees, on properties owned by businesses and institutions.	15	11.25
Maintenance Quality Programs, best practices with demonstrated results: watering, pruning, IPM	10	7.5
Residential		
Tree Planting Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees on residential properties	15	13.25
Maintenance Quality Best practices with demonstrated results	10	7.75
Community Involvement		
Public Participation Participation (including children/youth) in tree planting and conservation programs such as Green Streets Canada, Arbor Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.)	20	16.5
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands	10	8
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	142.50

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

The climate of this region is harsh for trees. There are no trees growing in the surroundings except on the hills. The fact that there is a good canopy in the Town tells a story of forethought and care for urban forestry.

Commendable efforts are made to promote trees and shrubs: The Land of the Living Skies Park, the Post Office Pocket Park green space, the Old Timer's Museum landscape plans and many others. All this is a good adaptation to the climate and towards the well-being of the Town and its citizens.

The diversity of the trees and the management of the forest provides a sustainable environment for the trees and for the citizens of the Town.

The proactive actions of Maple Creek to provide care and maintenance of the urban forest by contracting specialists is forward thinking for the future of the forest.

The workshops offered by the Town on the topic of trees are beneficial to improve the skills, the knowledge, and the confidence of the citizens toward the forestry.

Recommendations:

Grow indigenous trees from seeds through schools and have research done as to what kind of trees can succeed in your climate. Select the best species (at least three). Find a source and find how to grow them. The Town could supply some support.

The same can be applied to fruit and/or nut trees. The knowledge of aboriginal people could be very helpful. Emphasize chokecherry, Saskatoon berry, and Crab-apple.

If you have an heirloom tree or a historic one, it would be of value that this information becomes public.

Start and maintain a tree inventory. Harvest data on species, health, age and location for future references and management.

Provide care information on tree recipients for the first year as it is the most critical time for its survival.

On Centennial Street check pruning practices at human height, as it is invading the space where one walks. Other streets may need this attention.

For trees and shrubs, the use of a water bag is beneficial and less demanding for initial maintenance.

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LANDSCAPE		
<p>Landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers along with turf management.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Gateway Impressions First impressions of the community including gateway/entrance treatments	10	8
Sustainable Designs – Soft Landscape Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties (including pollinator friendly) , traffic calming, bank stabilisation	10	8.25
Sustainable Designs - Hard Landscape Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, signage, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	8.25
Landscape Plan Integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	8.25
Turf Management Programs Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization and adapted maintenance programs	10	8.5
Landscape Maintenance Policies, Standards, Best Practices and Programs	10	8.5
Landscape Quality Landscape maintained to appropriate standards, specs and best practices.	5	4
Qualified Resources Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs and/or qualified experienced contractors	10	8
Year-round use Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (urban agriculture, community gardens, parks and recreation programs)	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable Designs (Seasonally adjusted year-round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	8.25
Integrated Plan Contribution to urban & civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	15	13
Maintenance Quality Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	8.5
Residential		
Streetscape Appeal Of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	13
Maintenance Quality Lawn care, trees and shrub maintenance (with demonstrated results)	15	12.5
Plant Selection Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, edible & pollinator friendly plants)	10	8.5
Community Involvement		
Public Participation in community programs (including children/youth) such as: urban agriculture, community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization, etc.)	20	18
Volunteer Recognition Recognition (by municipality and/or volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom program including activities in all evaluated criteria	20	18.25
Landscape Total	200.00	169.75

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The xeriscape theme is a well-adapted program for the region. It provides results with chosen plants with minimal maintenance.

The welcome signage is great throughout Maple Creek, matching themes with other hardscape as a modern Far-west town.

The whiskey barrels throughout the Heritage District provides streetscaping and colors with the implication of school youth. It's an awesome project to get the grade nines involved in.

Many sidewalks have been sanded. It provides a smoother look and a friendly approach to walk around the streets.

The Land of The Living Skies Park is an oasis against the CPR properties which are drier and less aesthetic.

Recommendations:

Enlist youth to a xeriscape project. Many interesting plants can be found such as annuals, perennials, shrubs and cacti.

Enlarge the offering of the streetscape. Naïve art, Stonework, wooden themes, bike stands, and local artist's outdoor works. A contest can be made to this end.

Paint the tables in The Land of the Living Skies Park to make them more interesting. Get the school kids and art department involved and maybe paint games like x's and o's and checkers on them; this will encourage people to use them in a fun way.

Provide mulch in the Old-timer's Museum in the new landscape plantation.

Bicycle racks should be provided on the main streets in the Heritage District, harmonize with the present streetscape.

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<p>Floral displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses, edible plants, water efficient and pollinator friendly plants) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Floral Display Plan of Action Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	14
Diversity of Displays Flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	18.25
Diversity of Plants Annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora, pollinator friendly plants	10	8.75
Maintenance Quality Maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	18
Qualified Resources Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs and/or qualified experienced contractors	10	8.25
Business & Institutions		
Design Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	12.75
Overall Plan Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	8.75
Maintenance Quality Of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc. with demonstrated results.	10	8.25
Residential		
Concept and Design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties including Pollinator gardens and/or inclusion of pollinator plants in gardens	20	17.25
Maintenance Quality Of planting and maintenance with demonstrated results.	15	12.75
Community Involvement		
Public Participation In community projects, volunteer initiatives (including children/youth), outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.)	15	13.75
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community floral displays activities	15	14
Floral Displays Total	175.00	154.75

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

The Flower of the year is a nice project for the Maple Creek. It provides a sense of unity and continuity. Done by the younger generation, it provides them with a sense accomplishment and a place in the community. They gained insight to a piece in the realm of nature.

The GROTTO GARDENS COUNTRY MARKET has the best flower display.

The whiskey barrel program from grade 9 has continuity, from the choice of plants and the colors throughout the community. Add up a barrel program is a success, from an esthetic and landscaping standpoint and also for the youth involvement.

The hospital has a soothing garden good for patients who are at the facilities. It is peaceful and inviting to tranquility, an important step for those who need to come out of themselves.

It is noticeable that the baskets all across Town are well cared for and colorful. The maintenance is excellent.

The kangaroo apple plant is in excellent soldier. Well suited for your climate; drought resistant and has a low water requirement. It should have a wider place in the landscape.

Recommendations:

For the Flower of the year, involve schools to find other ones best suited to your situation. There are many choices, and some are original. From seed is a straightforward path. Study the possibility from cuttings. Ball Seeds is one of our sponsors; you could gain some support there.

Use low carpet plants as ground cover, such as low Sedums, Achillea, and Kinnikinnic.

The following plants are excellent candidates for their adaptation to dryness. Angelonia, Helichrysum, Dichondra, Gaillardia, California poppy, Coreopsis, and Echinacea.

The concept of the barrel could improve by adding some art to it.

To attract birds plant flowers and bushes.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

“Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.”

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY

The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

The dedication of our judges, staff and organizations

The contributions of our sponsors and partners