



City of Sarnia

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SUBJECT: Communities in Bloom Judges are Coming to Sarnia

The City of Sarnia is participating in the 2018 National Edition of Communities in Bloom in the Class of Champions - Large category, along with Coquitlam BC; Edmonton AB and Wood Buffalo AB.

The Communities in Bloom judges, Evelyn Alemanni from Elfin Forest, California, USA, and Jim Baird from Rothesay New Brunswick will be evaluating the City of Sarnia August 1 to 4.

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, beautification, and to improving quality of life through community participation and a national challenge.

The National and International results will be announced in Strathcona County, Alberta from September 26 to 29, 2018 during the Symposium and Awards Ceremonies with the theme of "Seeds for the Future."

To support the educational aspect of its activities, the organization established the Communities in Bloom Foundation, a registered charity dedicated to funding, developing, and disseminating education and awareness on the value, improvement, importance and sustainable development of green spaces and natural environment in Canada.

"To present the full beauty of our city we encourage all businesses and residents to tidy up their property before the judges arrive," explains Anne Marie Gillis, Chair, Communities in Bloom.

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