



City of North Bay, Ontario

Communities in Bloom - 2024 National & International Edition

5 Blooms Northern Pines Crisis Centre

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Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, October 19th, 2024 —

The City of North Bay received a rating of 5 Blooms and a special mention for ***Northern Pines Crisis Centre*** during the 2024 National/International Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in the City of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The City of North Bay participated in the National Population category along with Capreol ON; Devon AB; and St. Paul AB. The community also received an Outstanding Achievement Award for the TECK ***Community Appearance Award***.

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 – regarding the following criteria: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant & Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Colleen Stockford and Christine Isaac wrote:

“The Northern Pines Program is operated by the Crisis Centre North Bay. Northern Pines is a 60-unit transitional and supportive housing campus located in North Bay. The campus was developed in three phases that focus on life skills development. Northern Pines aims to prevent and reduce homelessness and provides relief and support for tenants with addictions and mental health concerns. The service delivery model uses the best leading practices in this field such as Health Quality Standards with supportive housing and trauma-informed care. Key benefits include reductions in hospital stays, emergency room visits, visits to community-based health providers, incarceration and police contact.”

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, please visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca.

About Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian volunteer and partnership-driven non-profit organization that uses a multi-tiered competitive evaluation process to foster community strength, involvement and continuous improvement. This is accomplished by nurturing environmental sustainability, enhancements of green spaces, and heritage conservation, in cultural and natural environments encompassing municipal, residential, commercial, and institutional spaces. 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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