

Communities in Bloom



Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to encouraging and inspiring communities to develop, enhance and sustain the visual appeal of subdivisions, public spaces, parks and streetscapes through the use of floral displays, trees and landscaping. It promotes the preservation of heritage and cultural components and special emphasis is placed on environmental stewardship through recycling and tidiness. The provincial branch consists of a program offered by the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

The local committee was formed in 2007 and became a committee of the Council of the Resort Village of Candle Lake. It consists of volunteers with financial assistance from the village as well as fund raising projects, and it has brought about many positive changes in the resort area. With the help of many volunteers from the community at large donating their time, talent and financial support many projects have been initiated, completed and maintained by the group and their supporters in the community.

- * An information kiosk stands at the entrance to the village, with a large area map of the lake and its subdivisions, parks, camps, boat launches and trails. Two additional maps of the local Parks and Rec trails and Snowmobile trails frame the kiosk. This was a true community effort involving local contractors, the village staff and many, many volunteers. The area features flags and planters filled with deer resistant plants!

- * A budget request for a recycling building at the landfill was presented to Council. Funds that were contributed by Sheri and Jason Praski towards environmental projects, as well as additional help and funds from the Resort Village were used to construct the recycling building.

- * Recycling barrels are set out at the beaches, Pineview Rentals & Carwash and Mariner's Cove. The cans and bottles are sorted by volunteers and Andy MacDonald, landfill attendant, and funds raised are used for CiB projects. Cans and bottles, paint cans, batteries and empty propane bottles can be left at the landfill free of charge.

- * Banners have been erected in the resort area.

- * Hanging baskets have greatly improved the visual appeal of the downtown core. Many businesses and individuals have sponsored the cost of the planters. The village workers assist in the watering and maintenance of the planters.

- * Grass clippings, leaves, garden refuse (except, tomato and potato vines) can be left at the landfill to add to the compost. Compost will soon be available free of charge.

- * Christmas decorations have been repaired; new ones designed and created by CiB and community volunteers

- * Signage was a big issue tackled by the committee. A ***Welcome to Candle Lake*** sign stands at the corner of 120 and 265. Two other signs for the northeast and northwest entrances of the resort area are ready and awaiting approval from the Department of Highways. The committee assisted in the consolidation of the number of subdivisions to 23. and names of streets designated to the appropriate subdivision. The committee is encouraging subdivisions to design and erect their own sign or mural for the entrance to

their subdivision. Work of local artists can be seen on the murals at the entrance for Island View, Glendale Park, Nobles Point, Minowukaw and Sanderman Park. Other murals are presently in the works.

- * Beach clean-up at the Provincial Park beaches occurs after the long week-ends in summer, with volunteers assisting the staff from TPCS.
- * Our committee has sponsored two Garden Tours, presentations by Ivan Beuker on deer resistant plants, Larry Mullen on backyard composting and Don Ragush on Hobby Greenhouses. There has been a perennial exchange at the last three programs. A seminar called Friends, Fungi, Flowers and Food was held on June 11th. A follow up visit to the forest for fungi identification will be held in September. The last two summers we have held a BBQ in the Park prior to Saskatchewan Express, once again supported by many volunteers.
- * The ditch cleaning program has been turned over to Communities in Bloom by Parks and Rec.

The local committee consists of the following members:

Chairperson- Carol Jorgenson

Secretary- Karen Faust

Treasurer- Gary Haight

Vice President and Publicity- Larry Deacon

Committee Chairs:

Environmental Awareness- Gail Haight, Paula Eldstrom, Erin Reoch

Heritage Conservation/ Forestry- Bob Sajtos

Signage- Ed Horn

Floral Displays- Orena Gordon,

Community Involvement- Marilynn and Terry Pearse

Community Profile Book- Fern Webb

Sub-committees provide the very necessary support to help make the organization successful.

If you see an area that interests you and would be willing to donate some time, you would be welcomed with open arms. Volunteers are always needed. Attendance at the monthly meeting is not required. Please call Carol at 929-2411, Gail at 929-3149 or any other members.

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