



Welcome to Sarnia - Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian beautification program that awards Bloom Ratings to a municipality for achievement in eight specific categories.

Sarnia embraced this worthwhile program as a way to debunk the public's perception of Sarnia as a gritty industrial Town and instead showcase our beautiful city that is worthy of the coveted "5 Blooms" award.

Sarnia participated in the Communities in Bloom Provincial program in 2006. We achieved "4 Blooms" and an Honourable mention for the Dow Wetlands Project.

Sarnia built on that success winning "5 Blooms" in 2007, and again in 2008. We also received additional awards for **Best Floral Design** for the province in Germain Park, **Tidiest City** of the province and **Best Composting Program** in the province of Ontario.

These awards and successes were achieved because of the dedication of our volunteers and backing by the City of Sarnia, Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Sarnia Lambton and sponsors. Sarnia's success can also be attributed to the mentoring from the Communities in Bloom program in Petrolia.

Sarnia, as a 5 Bloom winner, is featured as a stop on the **Via Rail Garden Route**, which is a dedicated train route from coast to coast, catering to the garden tourism industry.

Our citizens have been rewarded for improving our natural environment and beautifying the spaces in which we live. We are proud of our achievements and look forward to participating in the National Competition this summer and hosting the Provincial Awards in the fall of 2010.

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