

The Communities in Bloom program is friendly competition that is popular in Canada at both the national and provincial levels. Canadian towns and cities work towards creating better communities and healthier places to live and work by their commitment to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation.



Summerland has been an active participant in Communities in Bloom since 2006 and our efforts have not gone unrewarded! In the first year of competition our neighbour, Kelowna, mentored Summerland in the Canadian Classic category and we received national honours. The following year five blooms again were awarded in the provincial competition and a win secured in the 10,000 to 20,000 population level. In 2009 Summerland entered the national competition and once again received five blooms but

did not garner a win.

The pride, accomplishments and advancements brought about by Summerland's participation in Communities in Bloom were remarkable; our parks, open spaces and streets blossomed with the imaginative use of flowers, plants and trees. A focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture went a long way in the pursuit of enhancing our community's quality of life. As part of the exercise a Community Profile was created outlining the many activities and initiatives that are supported by the community and its volunteers. To understand how Summerland works together to make it a better place for all, click the link to view the [Community Profile](#).