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Community: Eston
Province: Saskatchewan
Category: Evaluated Friends

Community Appearance	112.00	/	150.00
Environmental Action	113.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	114.00	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	121.00	/	175.00
Landscape	157.5	/	200.00
Floral Displays	148.5	/	175.00
	Total		766 / 1000.00

Percentage: 77 %

Bloom rating: 4 blooms

Bloom rating:

Up to 55%: 1 bloom 56% to 63%: 2 blooms 64% to 72%: 3 blooms 73% to 81%: 4 blooms >82%: 5 blooms

Mention: Floral Displays – integration, maintenance and survival in drought

Representative(s) of Community

Name: <u>Val Mohan</u>	Function: <u>CiB chairperson</u>
Name: <u>Mitch Lonnbert</u>	Function: <u>Recreation and Town crew</u>
Name: <u>CiB committee members</u>	Function: _____

Judges

Name: <u>Cathy Joyner</u>	Name: <u>Brenda Winny</u>
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date: July 22, 2021

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.

The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the scores are based on the perception of the current judges.

SECTORS OF EVALUATION

Municipal:

- Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes
- Properties owned and run by municipality such as museums, historical sites

Business and Institutions:

Properties owned and managed by

- **Business:** commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants
- **Institutions:** schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (such as YMCA, Legion), private museums, Government and Crown Corporations buildings (such as Canada Post, provincial and federal parks, etc.)
- **Tourism bureaus and Chamber of Commerce offices**
- **Farms:** in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section

Residential:

- Citizens and citizen groups acting within their own properties
- Residential property owners, rate payer groups

Community Involvement:

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it is considered in each segment of the evaluation.

- Individuals, community organizations, citizen groups (includes youth programs) – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement, including municipal spaces maintained through the efforts of volunteers and community
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations, school groups
- Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the municipality, businesses and institutions.

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The Town of Eston and the local Communities in Bloom committee should be proud of the progress they have made in making this a visually attractive and vibrant community. As one of the founding committee members noted Eston received a very low bloom rating 21 years ago when they joined the program. To drive into Eston now and see beautiful floral displays, rock gardens, pocket parks, major infrastructure projects on the go and a vibrant, colourful Main Street is a sign of the perseverance and determination that was required.

Eston is very clean, neat and well-maintained. It is the collaborative effort of the Town, RM, businesses, residents and a very active CiB committee that has resulted in an overall impression of a town that is vibrant, growing and filled with community spirit. The Communities in Bloom committee is small but very active. The support and collaboration they receive from the Town is noteworthy and critical to their success. Thank you for all the work this committee has done and for the amazing relationship forged with the Town of Eston.

Cathy Joyner

I have judged in Eston several times before and have always come away from the community amazed at what the co-operation of the Town Council and the Communities in Bloom committee can accomplish when the goals are the same – to enhance and continually improve their home town. Again, thank you for using the standards and aims of CiB as your guide to creating a great place in which to live.

Brenda Winny

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Community Appearance (formerly Tidiness)		
<p>Community appearance reflects an overall effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions and the residents throughout the community to create great first impressions and a sense that there is continuous attention and upkeep to critical elements of a community that benefit quality of life and economic vitality. Elements for evaluation are: parks and green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots, signs and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up, graffiti prevention/removal and vandalism deterrent programs.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall Impressions Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	10	8
Anti-litter Community anti-litter awareness programs	10	8
Regulations Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, unsightly private property maintenance by-laws, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	7
Cleanliness Of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers etc.)	15	12.5
Municipal Properties Appearance Visual appeal and condition of municipal buildings and properties (including city hall grounds)	15	12
Business & Institutions		
Overall Impressions Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	11.5
Site Conditions Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	11
Furniture Appearance Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4
Residential		
Overall Impressions Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	13.5
Property Conditions Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	10.5
Community Involvement		
Public Participation In community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)	10	7
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community clean-up programs	10	7
Community Appearance Total	150.00	112.00

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COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Observations:

Eston presents as a very clean, organized and visually appealing town. There is clearly a shared sense of pride between the Town, RM, businesses, residents and the CIB Committee to ensure ongoing care and attention to the appearance of Eston.

We appreciated seeing the efforts that have been made for weed and gopher control, street sweeping, new colourful banners, Kindness Rock Project, clean-up around the town shop and litter control. Signage in Eston is noteworthy and efficiently guides visitors to key destinations in the community. The Town also recognizes the importance of a sidewalk plan to address the deteriorating condition of some sidewalks that are a safety risk and take away from overall appearance of the town.

It was impressive to see the number of major infrastructure projects underway in the community. This gives the impression that Eston is a thriving, bustling community that will attract new residents.

Owens and Sweitzer's building and grounds have a major impact on first impressions of Eston due to its location. They should be commended for how neat, organized and clean they keep their business. Businesses along Main Street are also very well maintained.

The majority of the residential area is neat and well-maintained. As with most communities there are some neglected and unsightly properties.

Recommendations:

The condition of some roads and sidewalks through the residential sections of town are concerns we noted. It is recommended the Town continue work on developing their sidewalk plan and implement the plan as funding permits. A similar long term road development plan should also be developed.

The Town and the CIB Committee have a variety of social media sites that can and have been used to promote ongoing improvements to the appearance of properties in the community. We encourage you to continue using these sites to encourage businesses and residents to keep their properties clean and neat. We understand enforcement has been a challenge and encourage you to continue enforcement efforts with the highest priority residents who have not maintained their properties. The spring and fall clean-up days are excellent ideas. For this year's fall clean-up try sending letters to a few residents to encourage them to participate.

Continue your efforts for weed and gopher control. It definitely has helped improve the overall appearance in town. We did note that a number of alleys are overgrown with weeds. Weed control in these alleys should be prioritized.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<p>Environmental action pertains to the impact of human activities on the environment and the subsequent efforts and achievements of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices for waste reduction and landfill diversion, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable Development Strategies Policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning/vision; effective bylaws/policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	15
Waste Reduction Reduction of waste going to landfill and results (3-R: reduce, reuse and recycle), municipal composting programs, including activities such as composting sites, yard waste collections, mulching of wood debris (Christmas trees, hedge trimmings, etc.) & reclamation of cut trees. Handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection and reuse of compost material.	20	15.5
Water Conservation Use-reduction programs such as promotions, efficient irrigation, use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	15	10.5
Energy Conservation Programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar) and initiatives such as: energy-efficient appliances, shielding for night skies, efficient street lighting	15	13
Environmental Initiatives, Innovations and Actions		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways; - Horticultural practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales, permeable surfaces and rain water management - Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation - Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission (carbon reduction). 	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Participation in The Environmental Effort Waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	7.5
Corporate Environmental Action Innovation/stewardship, initiatives, activities (for example: environmental clean-up activities)	10	7
Residential		
Participation in Environmental Initiatives 3-R (reduce, reuse and recycle), composting	10	7.5
Water Conservation Practices such as water use reduction, rainwater collection and rain gardens	15	10.5
Community Involvement		
Public Participation – Civil Action Participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	3
Public Participation in Activities Community (including children/youth), neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership, etc.)	10	8
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	7.5
Environmental Action Total	150.00	113.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

Eston continues to promote and implement initiatives that are environmentally responsible. The renovation at the rink is a prime example where the new ice plant will be more energy efficient and reduce costs. Selling and reusing the concrete slabs that were cut out of the rink and reusing the gravel from the rink are excellent examples of the 3R's in practise. The water treatment plant expansion is another example of note. Eston seems to have a culture of recycling with Sarcan and curbside pick-up.

The fencing, Gopher statue and flower pots at the north end of Main Street are one of the best examples of brownfield redevelopment. The old gas station on this site is not visible at all because of the beautiful floral display and statue. Well done reuse of this space.

The Imagination Garden by the library is another example where children have used rocks and reused items such as pieces of board to make a creative garden space. The cooperative garden reinstated after Covid promotes families sharing and working together to grow their own vegetables.

Recommendations:

With Eston being in a long period of drought we expected water restrictions and water conservation to be a priority. It is recommended Eston develop and implement a water restriction policy. This policy could balance horticultural and community needs for water with your water supply and also include outdoor watering policies that reduce evaporation (ie: time of day for watering). It is also recommended the Town promote water conservation practices on their website and Facebook page including the use of rain barrels, proper times to water lawns, use of non-potable water, mulching and xeriscaping.

The community compost site is a great initiative. Residents, businesses and town staff would benefit from continued information and education on proper composting techniques. We noticed on your facebook site that residents are still putting plastic bags in the compost and appreciate your efforts to educate residents on this. Consider providing residents with basic information (Composting 101) as an electronic mail-out or through your social media sites and continue to promote these best practices.

We were advised that the Solar panels at the pool are not working and recommend their replacement or repair if possible. The solar panels not only resulted in energy conservation, they are a role model to residents on the importance of alternative forms of energy.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
Heritage conservation includes efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Preservation of natural heritage pertains to policies, plans and actions concerning all elements of biodiversity including flora and fauna ecosystems and associated geological structures and formations. Cultural conservation refers to the heritage that helps define the community including the legacy of tangible (built/hard assets) elements such as heritage buildings, monuments, memorials, cemeteries, artifacts, museums and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The participation of groups such as historical societies and conservation groups is considered.		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Natural Heritage Plans Management and preservation policies, plans programs and initiatives: including eco systems, eco parks, trail networks, grasslands, naturalization, wetlands, urban agriculture/farming, wildlife, protection of sensitive habitats, species at risk and support for at risk pollinators.	20	14
Natural Heritage Promotion Management and promotion of natural heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development/tourism) including activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites (including trail networks) for and by the public.	15	11
Cultural Heritage Plans Policies, by-laws, plans and preservation initiatives for heritage buildings, cemeteries, artefacts, museums, monuments, heritage trees and gardens, including their integration with streetscapes and landscape	15	12.5
Cultural Heritage Activities Initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	15	12.5
Business & Institutions		
Natural Heritage Assets Conservation, restoration and integration of natural heritage, including eco parks, conservation areas, trails, heritage gardens, trees and landscapes.	10	7
Cultural Heritage Assets Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts including their integration with the built/hard streetscapes and green landscapes	10	8.5
Residential		
Cultural Heritage Initiatives Conservation/restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts on residential lands	10	7
Community Involvement		
Natural Heritage Public Participation Participation in community (including children/youth), neighbourhood or individual natural heritage programs and initiatives including developing policies and plans, site improvements (including trails, eco parks , reforestation and management, maintenance, conservation and education initiatives	20	14
Natural Heritage - Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including environmental groups) in community-initiated natural heritage activities and programs	10	7
Cultural Heritage - Public Participation Participation in community (including children/youth), neighbourhood or individual cultural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	15	12.5
Cultural Heritage - Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including historical societies) in community-initiated cultural heritage activities and programs.	10	8
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	114.00

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

The museum is a hidden gem that effectively captures the cultural and natural heritage of the community. It is very well maintained and offers so much for visitors to see and learn about Eston. The walking trail offers one of the only sites to see native plants and grasses in the area.

The cemetery is extremely well maintained and well planned out. The grass was mowed and neatly trimmed around headstones and the gravesites were far enough away from trees and roots. The person maintaining this area deserves special recognition for a job well done.

During Covid the community was unable to host festivals and events to promote their heritage. We considered this in our scoring on this category as it was not the actions of the community that resulted in curtailed public participation.

Recommendations:

The Town hosted their July 1st celebrations at the museum making great use of this area. It is recommended that the Culture Days festival be reinstated to celebrate the heritage of the town. The town has a diverse mix of ethnic backgrounds and Culture Days is such a great way to celebrate and acknowledge this diversity.

In the 2019 evaluation it was recommended Eston explore options to increase the number of visitors to the museum. We recommend the town continue to promote the museum and grounds on their website and facebook site. We echo the 2019 recommendation to partner with schools in the area to have students tour the site.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
Urban forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, pollinator-friendly tree selection, tree inventory, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall Impression Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	6
Strategic Plans Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	15	12
Urban Forestry Plan Plan, design and inventory management including integration with overall green infrastructure landscape plan, and measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	20	14
Plan of Action Procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy and pollinator habitat tree species, recommended tree list and tree planting standards.	10	8
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	7.5
Public Information Programs Provides information on good planting techniques, best practices and maintenance programs	15	11
Maintenance Quality Best practices with demonstrated results	10	6
Qualified Resources Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff and/or qualified experienced contractors) and/or in place training programs	5	3
Business & Institutions		
Tree inventory Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees, on properties owned by businesses and institutions.	15	10
Maintenance Quality Programs, best practices with demonstrated results: watering, pruning, IPM	10	5
Residential		
Tree Planting Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees on residential properties	15	11.5
Maintenance Quality Best practices with demonstrated results	10	6
Community Involvement		
Public Participation Participation (including children/youth) in tree planting and conservation programs such as Green Streets Canada, Arbor Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.)	20	14
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands	10	7
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	121

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

Eston has a wide range of species of trees in their urban forest that contribute greatly to the overall charm and appearance of the community. This is supported with replacement planting, a recommended tree list and by on-going disease inspection for Dutch Elm Disease.

The planting of the one hundred and fifty trees in the town campground was supported by the installation of a drip irrigation system.

The trees in the Eston area have more than once been through a sustained drought and will continue to do so with concerned care.

Recommendations:

There needs to be a serious pruning job of dead branches and trees to avoid creating places for insects and disease to cause harm and further damage the trees. Consider whether this should be contracted out (in order to catch up) or if town staff have the time to catch-up (in addition to ongoing maintenance of the trees). In a dry year, dead wood could also be declared to be a source of fire and building damage. Our guide indicated that tree pruning and care is now in the maintenance budget. Well done, town council. We hope to see a continues tree maintenance plan that will result in the visible improvement of your urban forest in in the future.

Added to the list of pest/disease inspections will be the Emerald Ash Borer which has no known control so it will decimate all the ash trees in a community when/if it arrives.

Continue to use drip irrigation systems when planting your trees. Your community has relatively recent examples of tree plantings both with and without irrigation systems and the importance of this efficient practice is obvious for mass plantings of new trees.

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LANDSCAPE		
Landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers along with turf management.		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Gateway Impressions First impressions of the community including gateway/entrance treatments	10	8
Sustainable Designs – Soft Landscape Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties (including pollinator friendly) , traffic calming, bank stabilisation	10	9
Sustainable Designs - Hard Landscape Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, signage, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	8.5
Landscape Plan Integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	9
Turf Management Programs Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization and adapted maintenance programs	10	8.5
Landscape Maintenance Policies, Standards, Best Practices and Programs	10	9
Landscape Quality Landscape maintained to appropriate standards, specs and best practices.	5	4
Qualified Resources Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs and/or qualified experienced contractors	10	8.5
Year-round use Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (urban agriculture, community gardens, parks and recreation programs)	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable Designs (Seasonally adjusted year-round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	7
Integrated Plan Contribution to urban & civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	15	10
Maintenance Quality Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	7.5
Residential		
Streetscape Appeal Of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	11
Maintenance Quality Lawn care, trees and shrub maintenance (with demonstrated results)	15	11
Plant Selection Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, edible & pollinator friendly plants)	10	8.5
Community Involvement		
Public Participation in community programs (including children/youth) such as: urban agriculture, community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization, etc.)	20	15
Volunteer Recognition Recognition (by municipality and/or volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom program including activities in all evaluated criteria	20	15
Landscape Total	200.00	157.5

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

Your variety of landscapes is remarkable for a small community. From the Imagination Garden by the Library to the ball diamonds to perennial beds scattered around town and to the pocket gardens (the Fairy Garden is a delight) along Main Street – the CiB influence is obvious.

The benches encourage use of Main Street as a place to meet and greet neighbours, which after the last year and a half, is important for the health of Eston citizens.

The CIBC bank is to be commended for their additions to the Main Street landscape as well as Owens and Sweitzer for their incredibly tidy and weed-free machinery lot.

The logo for the town of Eston is excellent and can be seen everywhere – the water tower, the town vehicles and any town-owned building. The little gopher markers and the large gopher statue create a continuity throughout the community which can lead to pride and care for one's home town.

The courses for disc golf and pickle ball are excellent encouragements for continued adult physical activity.

The idea of a co-operative garden as compared to a community garden is worthy of consideration by other community members.

The town crew is doing a great job with vacant lots in the downtown area.

Recommendations:

Keep working on those uneven sidewalks as they are a major tripping hazard.

It is a steep, uphill task to encourage homeowners to maintain their lots as weed free as possible, even in a drought year such as this one... but we encourage you to do so as it has a big impact on the landscape of the community.

Might it be possible to expand the Art in the Windows along Main Street as it adds to the vibrancy of the area?

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<p>Floral displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses, edible plants, water efficient and pollinator friendly plants) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Floral Display Plan of Action Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	13
Diversity of Displays Flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	18
Diversity of Plants Annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora, pollinator friendly plants	10	9.5
Maintenance Quality Maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	18
Qualified Resources Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs and/or qualified experienced contractors	10	8.5
Business & Institutions		
Design Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	12
Overall Plan Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	8
Maintenance Quality Of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc. with demonstrated results.	10	8
Residential		
Concept and Design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties including Pollinator gardens and/or inclusion of pollinator plants in gardens	20	16
Maintenance Quality Of planting and maintenance with demonstrated results.	15	12
Community Involvement		
Public Participation In community projects, volunteer initiatives (including children/youth), and outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.)	15	12
Community Support Financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community floral displays activities	15	13.5
Floral Displays Total	175.00	148.5

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

As you can tell by your score and our Mention, we were so very impressed (especially this year) by the Floral Displays throughout the community! Appropriate plant material, dead headed and gopher identified for each and every flower bed regardless of location in community. Well done!

Private yards appeared to be on a continuum of extreme neglect to lavish love and devotion to colour and plant care!

Recommendations:

At some point in time, wouldn't it be nice to have more self-watering planters in more locations in town? Consider this investment as it does reduce the overall labour needed for regular watering. Perhaps and long term plan for where planters/baskets should be located can be developed.

In front of the lovely new town office could be a great place to start with more flowers. The colour along Main Street and throughout the community gives Eston a warm and welcoming appearance. Well done, Communities in Bloom and Town Council, well done.

Is it possible that some yards are less maintained due to the owner's ability/health? Would volunteer assistance be accepted if it could be coordinated?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

“Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Communities in Bloom program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.”

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The commitment of local, provincial and national volunteers

The support of elected officials and of staff in municipalities

The dedication of our judges, staff and organizations

The contributions of our sponsors and partners