

Evaluation Form

2014

Town of Vegreville
Alberta



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Community: Town of Vegreville

Province: Alberta

Category: 5,001-9,000

The evaluation is based on 8 criteria, divided into the 6 following sections, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

Tidiness	125.00	/	150.00
Environmental Action	124.00	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	123.00	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	137.00	/	175.00
Landscape	161.00	/	200.00
Floral Displays	150.00	/	175.00
	Total		820.00 / 1000.00

Percentage : 82.00%

Bloom rating: 5 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 : Official Town Tree: The Vegreville Patmore Green Ash

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Tony Tymchyshyn Function : Parks & Fleet Manager; CIB Committee

Name: Ellen Johnstone Function : Chairperson of CIB Committee

Name: Myron Hayduk Function : Mayor

Judges

Name: Gerry Teahen Name: Claire Laberge

Evaluation date: July 11, 2014

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

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

Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.

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 evaluation is 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)
- Tourism bureaus, 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 & Service and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations
- 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

Our first impression upon arrival was a feeling of unity and civic pride which reigns in Vegreville. Very great cooperation between all sectors of the community, volunteers of all ages contributing to the general beautification of the town. They perform a colossal job in this green community of about 5,800 citizens. Congratulations on your team work!

We were received by the Mayor Myron Hayduk, the Town Manager Jody Quickstad, a few town employees and volunteers of Services Coordinator and from the CiB Committee. They were all very happy to talk about their accomplishments since last year.

Vegreville has an excellent green approach in the community. They won the Municipal Excellence 2013 Innovation Award for their Residential Compost Program. Compost collected from green residential bins feeds an electrical generator facility; the energy output is fed back into the grid to be used in the community.

The new revised Door Tags for yard cleanup and improvements are handed out again, starting in June 2014 until fall. The “Vegreville in Bloom” Door Tags for residents and business owners are a thank you for their participation and dedication in beautifying the town.

The Vegreville Volunteer Committee offers training on becoming a volunteer or a leading volunteer. This is a great demonstration of CiB’s motto: “People, Plants and Pride...Growing Together”, who is directly linked with your motto: “A friendly place to live”.

The Community Profile Book is an excellent presentation tool. It contains the six distinct sections: tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape and floral design. The Community Profile Book also contains your 5 year development plan (2009-2014), the Urban Forest Inventory and the information relating to activities and accomplishments in the previous year.

Last November, the Town Council adopted the Patmore Green Ash as the Official Town Tree now known as the Vegreville Patmore Green Ash. The emblematic tree project was part of the Communities in Bloom Vegreville 5 Year Strategic Plan for 2013. We propose you extend your 5 year Strategic Plan since it is ending this year.

Vegreville adopted the Communities in Bloom proclamation week this year. It is a great way to promote the program and its benefits to all of society.

We want to thank the mayor, councillors, the Communities in Bloom committee and residents for their great hospitality. It was very much appreciated.

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TIDINESS		
<p>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions and the residents throughout the community. 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 (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism programs.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	15	13
Community anti-litter awareness programs	5	4
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	8
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)	15	13
Condition of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers	15	13
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	12
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	12
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	17
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	13
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	8
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs	10	8
Tidiness Total	150.00	125.00

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TIDINESS

Observations:

Vegreville gives special care and attention to the gateway entrance area landscape which also uses an alternate form of energy for night lighting.

There is an excellent continuous effort by citizens and business owners to clean and maintain their properties. Streets, sidewalks, public spaces and buildings are maintained, free from graffiti and vandalism.

At Pioneer Centennial Park, Deerland sponsored the re-painting of the antique farm implement donated (by them) that are included in the landscaping.

Highway Spring cleanup is done by 4-H club volunteers. St. Mary's students participated at the Spring Town Cleanup. Tim Hortons provided t-shirts and snacks to volunteers.

The creative mural painting on the big water tank contributes to the implantation of public art in the town as well as to graffiti prevention. The Skatepark is clean. A full time Community Peace Officer patrol Vegreville to put in application the "Public Behavior Bylaw".

On Main Street, ashtrays were installed on litter bins and on metal tree grills which contributed to general cleanliness. Benches and bins were given a fresh coat of paint on Main Street. Some businesses must be mentioned for their dedication in beautifying their storefront, they are an inspiration: Park Memorial Ltd Funeral Home, Urban Bloom florist, the Medicine Shoppe pharmacy and Wilde & Company Chartered Accountants.

Green bins are installed in residential back alleys for compostable materials. Adopt a Compost Bin is an innovative program involving the residents. There are a hundred of compost bins around Vegreville, each one is under the responsibility of a volunteer living on the same street. They ensure lid is closed to keep rain and snow out and check that compost is not contaminated with undesirable items.

Doggy bag dispensers and bins installed by the town in green spaces, including 10 km pedestrian way.

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Recommendations:

There are new businesses established on Main Street and they are proud of their establishment. Some vacant buildings could be freshened up. For instance, the building adjacent to the Capitol Theater comes to our mind.

We would recommend that the Chamber of Commerce approach the landlords about the possibility of refreshing these facades; in the case of a vacant storefront, the landlord could consider allowing a service club to put a display in the store window to brighten up the downtown core.

We were told that the municipality is looking for recycling containers for 50th Street and we support the idea. We could observe that they are in the process of getting new banners (we saw a few of the newer ones already installed). We encourage them to follow up.

We suggest that panels dedicated to a collective work of art be installed on Stakepark site. Under the guidance of a graffiti artist, kids could create an urban mural they could identify with.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<p>Environmental action includes the efforts and achievement of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices, waste reduction and diversion rate to landfill, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	17
Waste management programs: waste reduction to landfill and results (3-R : recycling, re-use, reduce), composting (backyard and municipal)), and including activities such as composting sites yard waste collections, shredding of Christmas trees, handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection	15	13
Water conservation and use-reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies, rainwater management	15	13
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), and initiatives such as, shielding for night skies issues, efficient street lighting and energy audits.	10	7
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: Protection of sensitive habitats Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways. Phytotechnology practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales and permeable surfaces Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation. Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission.	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management, eco-park	10	8
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)	10	7
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting	20	18
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection	15	13
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	4
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	8
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8
Environmental Action Total	150.00	124.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

More than a hundred of each of three separate bins (recycling, organics and garbage) have been integrated into the uniform urban furniture and placed in public areas.

The Town of Vegreville published a good educative pamphlet about their compost program and recycling program. The Adopt-a-Bin Program allows a resident to be responsible for a bin and inform the municipality as needed. Compostable materials are transported weekly to Growing Power Hairy Hill to be used in their anaerobic digester to produce electricity.

The Residential Compost Program received 2 Awards:

- FCM Sustainable Communities Award
- Municipal Excellence 2013 Innovation Award for the Residential Compost Program

The Vegreville Sanitary Landfill has separate areas for recycling, metal, paint, tires, chemical jugs and compost.

Rainwater management: Water for watering trees and flowers in town comes from drainage ponds at the ARC and Carillion dugouts. Residents collect rainwater in barrels for watering their own flower baskets, boxes and beds.

Town staff has taken the necessary training and are licensed pesticide applicators. Mayweed, a noxious invasive weed, is being spot sprayed by staff and handpicked. Town are looking to introduce "Seed Weevils and Gall Midges" that feeds on Mayweed as a predator at the landfill site and along the Vermilion River. Vegreville strictly followed provincial laws, legislations and regulations regarding pesticides.

Environmental initiatives and actions in engineered wetlands at the Vermilion River; rocks were strategically placed along the banks of the river to control erosion.

3-R initiative at Lions Spray Park: installation of recycled-rubber (made from old tires) tiles in the play area.

Recommendations:

ATCO Electric could be approached for future environmental innovative projects.

Meetings or workshops are important to educate and keep residents and volunteer abreast of new developments in environmental practices.

Landfill: Used tires collect waste water, think of mosquito control to prevent possible Nile virus.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<p>Heritage Conservation includes efforts to preserve natural heritage within the community with focus on the integration of landscape and streetscapes in built heritage: preservation of natural heritage pertaining to monuments, memorials, artifacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations in relation to parks and green spaces in the community. The participation of groups such as Historical Societies and Conservation Groups are considered.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs with focus on the relationships of the landscape to the built heritage	15	13
Natural and cultural heritage management plan and preservation initiatives: including cultural landscapes, use of native plants, heritage gardens, heritage trees, cemeteries, museums, heritage sites	15	13
Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	20	16
Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	13
New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage	10	7
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and landscapes	15	12
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	15	12
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites, buildings and heritage landscapes	10	8
Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures	5	3
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	20	18
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions (including Historical Societies) in community initiated, natural and cultural heritage activities and programs including cultural festivals & celebrations throughout the year and preservation of traditions and customs	10	8
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	123.00

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

Vegreville Regional Museum is re-using the site of the internationally renowned former Agriculture Canada Solonchic Soils Research Station (1956-1995). The museum highlights local history, including its four pioneer groups: English, French, German, Ukrainian; houses a collection of memorabilia of the Rt Hon. Donald F. 'Don' Mazankowski, Member of Parliament for Vegreville (1968-1993); as well as the Vegreville & District Sports Hall of Fame; a pamphlet listing the artefact is available describing the agricultural machinery exhibit on the museum grounds.

Heritage buildings have a second life in Vegreville, efforts include preservation, restoration and maintenance:

- Maintained historical Post Office working since 1890, also owned by the town.
- The curling rink building is now the Vegreville Materials Recovery Facility (VMRF.)
- The Historic CN Train Station is now a restaurant serving authentic Ukrainian food.
- Dobbins building, oldest building on 50th Street (1913) is still in use by businesses and apartments.
- Parks including parts of the town's heritage such as: the World's Largest Pysanka (Ukrainian painted egg); a CN Caboose at the Elk's / Kinsmen Park; Murals on downtown walls depicting the history of Vegreville; Rendez-vous Park displays a large mural of Father Vegreville and other town pioneers.

Pioneer Park was proposed as a centennial project to celebrate the heritage of Vegreville in 2005 and is maintained by the CiB committee. The Pioneer Park includes six trees along the walkway that were donated by the Henchal Family. Pine trees behind the tractor plow bed on the south corner and native spruce trees in the northeast corner that were donated by the Fried Family. Flowers in the bed are Alberta natives and were donated by Madeline Melanka from her native plants garden.

Downtown in the winter, the trees on 50th Street are decorated with LED lighting and certain streets and avenues now feature large new LED decorations on the lamp posts. The banners are changed seasonally. The Vegreville Centenary commemoration time line plaque is inserted into sidewalks.

There are local artists exhibit at the town's library includes drawing and sculptures.

Recommendations:

Consider placing a plaque to memorial trees at Pioneer Park; heritage plants could also be identified (donators etc.)

We recommend creating a facade improvement program supplying a small grant to assist landlords in refurbishing facades.

The museum could review their inventory of artefacts to avoid unnecessary duplications; and develop a screening program to avoid future unnecessary inventory duplication.

The Crab-apple tree planted by the County of Minburn to commemorate Canada's Centennial in 1967 could use some pruning.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
<p>Urban Forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and citizens with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	7
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	10	7
Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan	10	8
Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	15	13
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species, recommended tree list	10	7
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	7
Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs	10	7
Maintenance best practices and proven results	10	8
Qualified personnel and/or crew training	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on properties	15	12
Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM	10	7
Residential		
Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on residential properties	15	13
Maintenance best practices	10	8
Community Involvement		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such a Green Streets Canada, Arbour Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.).	20	17
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	8
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	137.00

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URBAN FORESTRY

The town council adopted the Vegreville Patmore Green Ash as the official tree of Vegreville. The adoption of an official town tree recognizes the efforts at urban forestry and heritage preservation. You should feel very proud of this accomplishment.

The Town of Vegreville utilizes the consultation services of tree, plant and design professionals when planning. They have good tree replacement and maintenance on 50th Street and they have a program to take care of young trees. They have had a Public Trees inventory since 2006. This is an important tool in the management of the urban forest and a source of information to choose what species of tree should be planted in the future. The town has a program in place to monitor for Dutch Elm Disease and other pathogens.

The town is assisting 4-H volunteers by providing green space for tree planting.

Vegreville practices mulching around trees on Main Street. It conserves water and prevents damage from machines.

Small spruce and pine trees that have been donated from farmers' shelterbelts trees, which have naturally been seeded out, will be added to town parks.

Recommendations:

Vegreville should have a policy for mature tree conservation, preservation and replanting; we hope it will be considered in the review of Area Structure Plans and Area Redevelopment Plans.

We recommend that species diversity be maintained and increased in the trees planted in Vegreville. Species should not make up more than 40% of the total planted area. This helps control pests and diseases and prevents dramatic losses of trees in the urban forest.

A short list of hardy trees species suitable for the area should be made available to residents and businesses.

The Crab-apple memorial tree planted in 1967 at Vegreville Centennial Library needs to be pruned and the suckers removed.

More public education on tree care, planting and integrated pest management should be organized each year to educate residents regarding the maintenance of the urban forest.

National Forest Week is celebrated by National Tree Day, we recommend you visit their website to register your project, and participate in the National Tree Day School Challenge.

<http://www.tcf-fca.ca/national-tree-day/pages.php?lang=en&page=home>

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LANDSCAPE		
<p>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.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	8
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, adapted maintenance programs	10	8
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	8
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	7
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties, traffic mitigation, bank stabilisation	10	8
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
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications	10	8
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events)	10	8
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	5	4
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	7
Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	15	12
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	7
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	13
Maintenance of properties: lawn care and shrub maintenance	15	13
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)	10	8
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization etc.).	15	13
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including tidiness, environmental action, urban forestry, landscape, floral and natural & Cultural Heritage activities .	15	13
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities	10	8
Landscape Total	200.00	161.00

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The Town of Vegreville's landscaping blends well with its surrounding natural prairie and the beauty of the riverbank environment.

On Main Street, there are diverse permanent shrubs and flower tubs which makes it a good overall view of the whole street; there is a good selection of plants. Several rest stations with bench, refuse container and floral arrangement well spaced along the street.

2014 is the first year for a Community Garden in Vegreville. The new garden is located next to the Homesteader Lodge and has 20 plots available to residents.

The town maintained 10 km of pedestrian trails, adding benches, picnic tables and garbage cans. An additional 900 metres of nature trail in the Municipal Environmental Reserve on the south side featuring wetlands and wildlife is in the planning stage.

Outdoor Fitness Area, playground equipment, fish pond, Pysanka, Caboose and Tourist Information booth at the Elk's/Kinsmen Park; Lion's Spray Park a safe water play area with a gazebo. Dog off Leash Area (DOLA) is a new fenced in area behind the Riverview Ball Diamonds. Xeriscaping is practiced in parks, using stones ground cover as mulch.

New to Vegreville in Bloom are Door Tags for residents and business owners as a thank you for helping to beautify the town.

Recommendations:

Community Garden: For children's activity, kids could make their own scarecrows for their own plots in a future section especially for kids.

WE recommend that some vegetables be grown in raised beds at the Community Garden to allow less mobile residents to keep a closer eye on the vegetables and maybe have a hand in their maintenance and harvest.

The Pioneer Museum needs to re-landscape their beds along the building. Inspiration could be taken from the former Agriculture Canada setup; or urban agriculture project (mulch + container growing).

Possibility for service club, resident or business to sponsor a flower bed; benches are already being sponsored in the community.

The CiB committee could recognize volunteers' efforts in landscaping: Yard of the Month award for novice gardener who landscaped their property for the first time; Yard of the Year award could be given to one outstanding garden of the town. Each award could be a one-time only award.

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<p>Floral Displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and citizens 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) 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		
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	17
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora	10	8
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	18
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	13
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	8
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	15	13
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	15	13
Quality of planting and maintenance	15	13
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).	15	13
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities	15	13
Floral Displays Total	175.00	150.00

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

Annual flowers, heritage flowers and perennial flowers are found in Vegreville's municipal parks and gardens, in front and back yards and on apartment balconies.

Business owners often have floral planters along storefronts, paying attention to color, artistic display and maintenance. Inspiration for business floral display: Park Memorial Ltd Funeral Home, Urban Bloom florist, Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy and Wilde & Company Chartered Accountants. Both Wilde & Company Chartered accountants and Park Memorial Ltd Funeral Home used annuals and perennials in their flower display.

TELUS employees and Vegreville in Bloom members planted flowers at the Elk's/Kinsmen Park.

Recommendations:

Residents at Senior's Homestead Lodge could attend a workshop on growing annuals in pots. Each participant could choose his flowers and plant his own pot. All pots could be used to decorate outside the centre. We suggest this kind of workshop be done as it allows seniors to share a creative activity and follow the growth of the flowers they planted to embellish their surroundings.

We propose using more banners announcing festivals, promoting heritage project or the CiB program. The use of hanging basket could be continued where they are protected from the wind and in front of buildings.

Education of businesses and residents must continue. Floral displays are not just beautiful; they contribute to the quality of life on many levels.

A suitable floral emblem could be adopted by Vegreville.

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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.”

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY

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