

## Edmonton internationally recognized as a "Community in Bloom"

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The City of Edmonton is the winner of the Communities in Bloom International Challenge in the very large community category for its environmental and beautification efforts. Edmonton's Mosaic Centre, Alberta's first net-zero commercial building, also received a special mention.



"The City of Edmonton puts words into actions," said Communities in Bloom founding president Raymond Carriere. "The sheer hard work exhibited by City staff and the dedication of volunteers has made significant improvements to the quality of the environment."

Municipalities around the world were judged on how local industry, businesses and governments work to provide environmental solutions that benefit the community. Judges toured City facilities that demonstrate contributions in environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry and landscaping. These facilities include the Edmonton Valley Zoo, Muttart Conservatory, Neon Sign Museum, Mosaic Centre, Blatchford, community gardens and the Edmonton Waste Management Centre. Judges also met representatives from Capital City Clean Up, Winter City Edmonton, and the Edmonton Horticultural Society. The award was presented on October 29 at the 2016 Communities in Bloom National/ International Symposium in Regina.

"The City of Edmonton works hard to be a leader in environmental technology and innovation," said Doug Hevenor, director of Parks Operations NW. "This award shows that we've achieved world-class standing."

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement.

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