



THE MUNICIPALITY OF
LAMBTON SHORES

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM



2018



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WELCOME TO LAMBTON SHORES

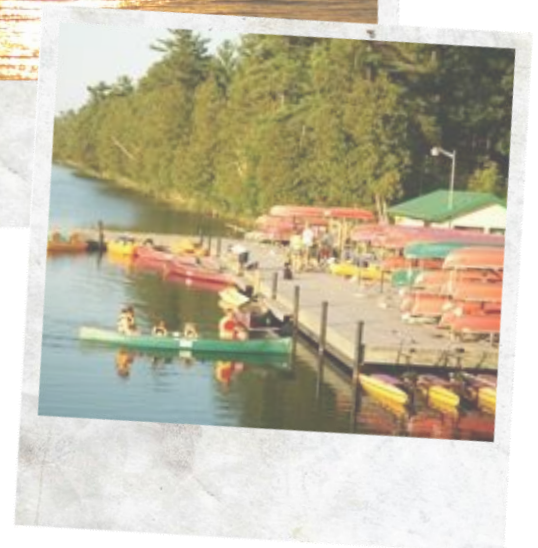
Naturally the best place to thrive.



The network of communities in Lambton Shores comprises expansive golden beaches, popular campgrounds, parks, cycling, hiking and cross-country ski trails, indoor and outdoor theatres, rural farms, and marketplaces. Historic towns and villages are a shopper's delight. Naturalists enjoy the area for the abundance of wildlife, birds and butterflies found in the Pinery Provincial Park, at the Lambton Heritage Museum, Port Franks Wetlands and Forested Dunes, and along the Rotary Nature Trail.

QUICK FACTS

- Incorporated in 2001 by the amalgamation of Arkona, Bosanquet, Forest, Grand Bend, and Thedford
- Approximately 12,000 people reside in Lambton Shores, with many cottagers and campers returning each summer
- The Community Services Department maintains over 30 passive and active parks, which total 43 hectares
- Lambton Shores offers residents and visitors eight baseball diamonds, eight sports fields, seven tennis courts, 30 parks, and 12 km of trails
- In 2018, we are celebrating our 10th consecutive year of owning and operating three Blue Flag designated sites: the Grand Bend Marina, Port Franks Marina and the Grand Bend Beach. This designation is proof of staff and Council's commitment to excellence.





A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CAO

Welcome to Lambton Shores, Bob and John!

On behalf of myself, Council and the residents of Lambton Shores, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Communities in Bloom judges. We hope that your stay here is an enjoyable one and that you will see the many attributes that make Lambton Shores a special place with our natural beauty and community minded citizens .

Lambton Shores has overcome the many challenges that come along with the amalgamation of five very diverse communities. The Communities in Bloom program has played an integral role in the unification of the communities without sacrificing their unique personality.

Lambton Shores' council, staff and residents take great pride in the fact that we were national winners in the 2012 competition, the winner of the Class of Champions competition in 2013 and most recently, International Champions in 2016 - a direct result of everyone working together towards a common goal. This is apparent in the gardens that are planted, the community events that are organized, the historical preservation taking place, environmental awareness applied to our lives and the maintenance practices used within our organization

The Lambton Shores Committee is very proud of what has been accomplished. After taking a year to recharge, we are ready to show you what we have accomplished since our last year of competition. As a member of this committee, I have witnessed first-hand how this group works with the entire community to display the very best we have to offer.

I look forward to welcoming you personally during your tour.

Bill Weber
Mayor

Kevin Williams
CAO

Welcome John and Bob!

On behalf of all staff, I am thrilled to welcome you both to Lambton Shores!

The 2018 Communities in Bloom Organizing Committee, comprised of both staff and local volunteers have worked hard to ensure that you experience the beauty and infectious spirit of our special place on the shores of Lake Huron. From expansive farmland to vibrant communities, and from Carolinian Forest to idyllic beachfront, Lambton Shores covers just over 330 square kilometres, is home to 12,000 residents, and many thousands of seasonal visitors.

Since our first entry into the program...10 years ago!...the Communities in Bloom initiative has brought our composite community together; citizens sharing in a common sense of purpose, and working cooperatively to improve the quality of life for both residents and visitors alike. These efforts have been recognized not only with the achievement of 5 blooms, but also through special recognition awards for Community Involvement, Tidiness, and Floral Displays. We are proud of our accomplishments, and proud to support such a wonderful program...we are the better for it!

The vision and support of our Council cannot be understated. An evolving focus on branding, recognition of our unique natural environment, and support for our volunteers all drive our municipality forward. In the parlance of horticulture, we are truly growing together!

I know your time "on tour" is busy, but for the short time you are here, please take a moment for yourselves...a walk on the beach, a stroll through a museum, share a smile, shake a hand...and consider yourself "home". Thank you for visiting.

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2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PARTNERS

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Arkona Seniors
Arkona Weed Warriors
Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club
Centre Ipperwash Community Association
CIBC, Forest
Forest Agricultural Society
Forest BIA
Forest Community Foundation
Forest Fair Board Ladies
Forest Garden Club
Forest Glen Herb Farm
Forest Kiwanis Club
Forest Lambton Museum
Forest Rotary Club
Forest United Church
Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce
Grand Bend Community Foundation
Grand Bend Horticultural Society
Healthy Kids Community Challenge—Lambton Partners
Huron Stewardship Association
Jacobs—CH2M
Knox Presbyterian Church
Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation
Lake Smith Conservationists
Lakeshore Eco-Network
Lambton County Developmental Services
Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group
Lambton Shores Nature Trails Committee
Lambton Wildlife
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Municipality of Lambton Shores
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North Lambton Secondary School
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Port Franks Garden Club
Port Franks Seniors
Rotary Club of Grand Bend
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 176 Forest
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 498 Grand Bend
St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority
Sarnia—Lambton Business Development Corporation
South Western Ontario Steam Threshers
TD Canada Trust, Forest
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Thedford Garden Club
Thedford Spirit Club
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Through Windows Past
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2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM MUNICIPAL PARTNERS



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2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS

TIDINESS

- **Wayfinding Signage Project** – In 2018, Lambton Shores received a Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant to help advance the municipality's brand through the visitor and resident attraction campaign. The grant included funds to update the municipal website, develop a mobile app, create promotional videos and install community signage. Phase One of signage installation is now complete, which included wayfinding and entry signs. Council has committed \$125,000 to complete Phase Two in 2018, which will include wayfinding, entry signs and visitor information kiosks.
- **Banner Program** – Lambton Shores started this program in Grand Bend in 2016 with branded banners featuring various public attractions throughout Lambton Shores. The program has been expanded to the rest of Lambton Shores in 2018.
- **Park Improvements**
 - *Esli Dodge Conservation Area* – the tennis courts received a major upgrade in 2017. The courts were resurfaced, pickleball lines were added, new fencing was installed and new benches were added. Funds were received from the Forest Community Foundation, the Community Foundations of Canada and the Municipality to complete this project. Trees were also planted around the perimeter of the courts. Esli Dodge will have a new natural playground installed in 2018 thanks to the Healthy Kids Community Challenge – Lambton Partners.
 - *Grand Bend Optimist Park* – As a part of our asset management program, our playgrounds lifespan is recorded and added to the projected capital budget. This, in combination with park inspections, determines when a playground will be replaced. 2018 will see the Grand Bend Optimist Park replaced. A tender has been awarded and work will start in mid to late July.



2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS



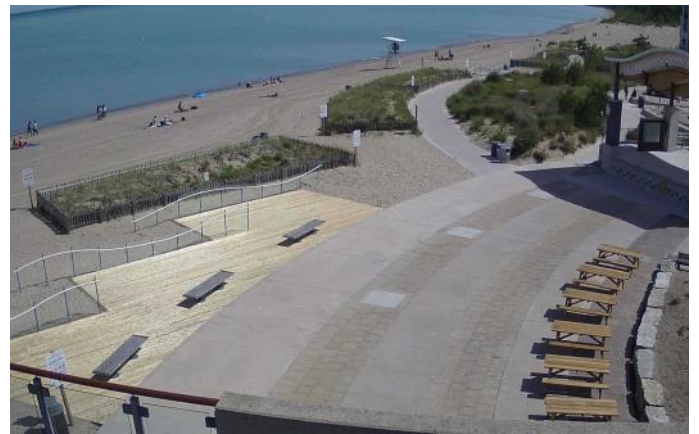
TIDINESS

- *Thedford Spray Pad* – this collaborative project is set to open on the August long weekend. The youth of Thedford rallied together to convince Council that the community would benefit greatly with the addition of this spray pad. Fundraising efforts continue and a committee, which included several youth members, were instrumental in the design selection



- **Grand Bend Beach Improvements**

- *Boardwalk Replacement* – In 2017, the hemlock boardwalk was replaced with concrete due to the ongoing maintenance issues. This new boardwalk is now more accessible and safer for the beachgoers to use.
- *Observation decks* – the aging beach level decks have been replaced with new cedar planking.
- *Accessible Mats*—there are two accessible mats at the beach. The first was funded in 2017 by the Grand Bend Community Foundation, and the second was purchased by the Municipality in 2018.



- **Seasonal Decorations** – The Jingle Bell Group in Grand Bend expands their Christmas display each year through the help of the Municipality's Vibrancy Fund and Seasonal Decoration Partnership policy. Forest will be doing the same in 2018.



- Communities in Bloom continues its annual **Trash Bash** events in April and July. We have used social media to challenge the community to help with the clean-up effort by pulling weeds if they see them. The municipality helps with these efforts by providing garbage and recycling bags, and by disposing of the waste.





2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

- The Lagoon Projects in Forest and Grand Bend have been completed. Visitors can follow the trail around the lagoons and observe the ecological wonders of the area. The Forest Lagoon just completed a lookout platform that is fully accessible. This project was completed by Jacobs (formerly CH2M), the water and wastewater contractor for the Municipality.
- Transit Initiative – Lambton Shores received a \$2 million grant from the Province of Ontario to create a sustainable source of public transit for the community. The Municipality is working closely with a committee comprised of residents and business owners.
- The Municipality continues their partnership with the Bluewater Recycling Association in a number of waste collection initiatives including the use of an automated collection system and the collection of electronic waste to be recycled.
- The Municipality owns and operates a compost site that accepts leaves and brush material. Ratepayers (no businesses) of the Municipality of Lambton Shores can pick up compost and wood chips. We also offer a free leave pick up program where staff will collect leaves placed at the curb that have been bagged in paper bags and take them to the compost site. The program runs for approximately 3 weeks in the spring and fall.
- The Grand Bend Beach and municipal marinas have met strict criteria for water quality, environmental education, environmental management, and safety and services in order to achieve the Blue Flag status once again in 2018. Some initiatives include training on safe fueling practices and educational forums on species at risk.
- Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group continues to fight the Phrag battle and a new group, the Ipperwash Phrag Phighters, have joined in the efforts.

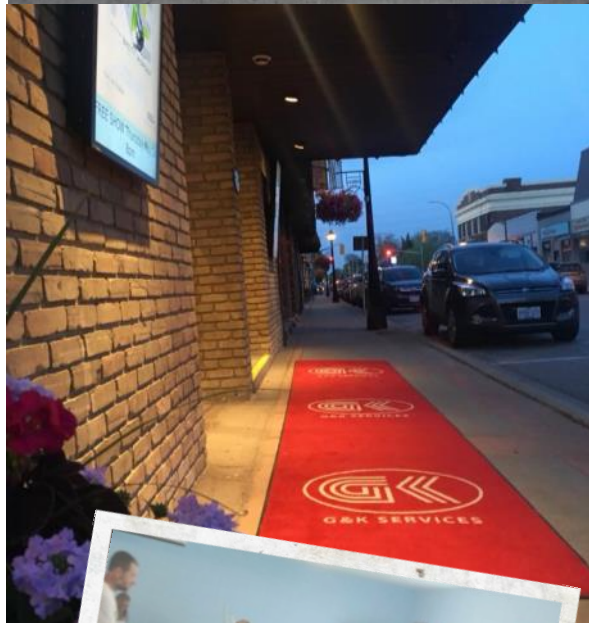


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NATURAL & CULTURAL HERITAGE

- Lambton Shores Council have adopted the Draft Official Plan. The Official Plan outlines the Municipality's general policies for future land use, and states the land use planning goals that guide development. The policies deal with land use designations, infrastructure, transportation, environment, natural heritage, agricultural resources and more.
- Concert series at the Rotary Community Stage at the Grand Bend Beach continue this summer. The Summer Sunset series will feature talent on Sunday evenings and the Wednesday's Familiar Favourites will hit the stage on alternating Wednesdays.
- A rotating mural gallery has been added to the exterior of the Grand Bend Beach House. The murals will be featured on the walls for 2 years and then rotated out for new ones. A big thank you to the Grand Bend Art Centre for creating this for our community.
- The Grand Bend Art Centre and the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club host art camps for kids each summer.
- There are a number of festivals to celebrate the culture of our community
 - Canada Day Celebrations in Grand Bend, Forest, Port Franks and Arkona
 - The Kiwanis Club of Forest hosts the Lambton Film and Food Festival each spring, along with a fall/winter film festival (films are shown once a month) and a concert series where famous locals perform
 - The Arkona Lions are hosting an event to honour local fossil hunter Charlie Southworth





2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS

URBAN FORESTRY

- Native Tree Program/Brochure—this project continues in partnership with Westland Greenhouses and Tree-Mendus Nurseries. The three native species for 2018 are the White Cedar, the Sugar Maple and the Serviceberry.
- Lakeshore Eco-Network
 - After the 2014 tornado hit Grand Bend, the Lakeshore Eco-Network had a goal of planting 5000 native trees in the Grand Bend area and beyond in order to replenish the tree canopy. The group continues to hold annual tree sales in the spring.
 - The group plans to create a Memorial Forest at the Klondyke Sports Park in the upcoming years
- The Lambton Shores Nature Trails Committee is creating a tree canopy from one trail head to another at the Lambton County Heritage Forest.
- Vimy Oaks were planted at the Forest Cenotaph.
- The St. Clair Conservation Authority was successful in receiving a TD grant for a tree planting day in September. The Esli Dodge Conservation Area will receive 75 native trees to plant in the fall.
- Committee member, John Cook is working with the high school on a tree planting project at Esli Dodge conservation area. Esli Dodge lost a number of trees to Emerald Ash Borer.
- The Municipality continues to budget for the replacement of diseased trees each year. Native trees are purchased through our local conservation authorities to help replenish the tree population once the diseased trees have been removed.
- Hydro One donates money to replace trees that were removed as a result of their operations. A variety of native trees and shrubs have been planted at the Forest X-Park and the Forest Bulk Water Station to replace Ash trees that were destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer.



2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS



LANDSCAPING

- Lambton Shores Nature Trails Committee
 - Continues to partner with landowners and others to over time upgrade the Nature Trails in Lambton Shores & Vicinity's special areas, maintain the same, and build community & connector trails consisting of foot paths, hard-surface bike ways and/or canoe routes
 - Built a structure at the Forest Grand Trunk Trailhead. The committee worked with Return the Landscape to create a natural landscape to welcome people to the trail. A second structure is planned for Port Franks.
 - Plans are in the works to develop a prairie garden along the Grand Trunk Trail in Forest that will attract butterflies and birds back to the area.
- The Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club Art Club painted stones to create a river-like look for community's the entry sign and garden.
- The Grand Bend Beach gardens have been simplified with low maintenance plants.
- The Grand Bend Marina upgraded their patio area to include more picnic tables and a barbecue area.
- Community Gardens - We hope to continue with the success of the existing community gardens in Grand Bend, Forest, and Port Franks. The Forest Garden received an overhaul in 2018, creating a more accessible garden for everyone involved. Jacobs (formerly CH2M) received cleared out over grown shrubs at the Forest Wastewater Plant and planted cucumbers and tomatoes. These gardens will also continue to supply fresh produce to the local food bank.
- The Lakeshore Eco Network developed a wind break and shade/seating area at the Klondyke Sports Park using native trees, plants and shrubs.





2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM GOALS & ACHIEVEMENTS

FLORAL DISPLAYS

- The theme flower colours for 2018 are *Purple, Pink and White* - which is evident through businesses, residents and public plantings.
- Garden of the Week - Each week, for 12 weeks (starting the first week of June), 5 gardens will be selected as the "Gardens of the Week". Winning gardens will be featured in the on our webpage and on our social media pages. They will also be entered into a draw to win a Miracle Gro package.
- Best Bloomin' Business - Local businesses are encouraged to beautify their store fronts with floral displays in the theme colours (preferably). Our co-chairs tour the Municipality and reward the businesses with the best bloomin' window boxes, best bloomin' containers or as the ultimate bloomin' business!
- Community Hanging Baskets - Our hanging baskets include Supertunia Petunias in Royal Velvet, Surfinia Petunias in Sumo Pink and Alyssum in Knight White. These are maintained by municipal horticultural staff.
- The Adopt a Pot program continues to thrive with 13 sets of planters throughout Lambton Shores. Adopters are responsible for watering, fertilizing, dead heading and weeding.
- The Forest Garden Club plants annuals in the theme colour each year at the Forest Library gardens.
- The Grand Bend Horticultural Society plants annuals in the theme colours at the municipal office in Grand Bend, the Tourism Centre and various gardens throughout the community.
- The Port Franks Garden Club plants annuals each year at the entry sign and "4-Corners" gardens.
- The Forest BIA installed new planter boxes throughout Forest and plants annuals in the theme colours each year.



2018 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM CONTINUING PROJECTS



Theme colours throughout the Municipality –
Purple, Pink and White

Trash Bash during Earth Week—Schools and community

Trash Bash Week in July

Continuation of Adopt-a-Pot and Adopt-A-Plot

Garden of the Week

Best Bloomin' Business

Youth partnerships - youth gardening through the
Healthy Kids Community Challenge

First Nations Partnership

Promotions - PowerPoint presentations, brochures, flyers,
social media (Facebook and Instagram)

Native Tree Project including the native species brochure has helped
to educate the residents of Lambton Shores of native species and
native trees and promotes the planting of such species.

2018 Fundraisers— Barbecue at the Home Hardware in Arkona
during Funtastic Days

Community Gardens
Forest, Grand Bend, Kettle Point, Port Franks





MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY GRANT STREAM

The Municipality of Lambton Shores has adopted a "Community Grant Program" to provide limited financial assistance to community groups and organizations within the Municipality to help with programs, projects or special events. The program exists to recognize the value of these groups to the well-being and growth of the community and in helping the Municipality retain a strong community focus.

Groups may ask for:

- Financial assistance
- Facility rental fee waivers
- Staff support

Approximately \$38,000 was included in the 2018 operating budget for these grants. Another \$25,000 was budgeted for fee waivers and staff support.

Events and projects that have benefited from the Community Grant program over the years are:

- Farm Safety Day
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Order of Alhambra Fun Day and Client Christmas Party
- Church Dinners
- Concert series at the Grand Bend Beach
- Western Ontario Steam Threshers Show
- Thedford-Arkona Vacation Bible Camp
- Sarnia-Lambton Rebound youth programming
- Various minor sport events
- Garden club projects
- Quilting Workshop
- Marketing and promotional efforts for various groups



MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY VIBRANCY FUNDING



The Community Vibrancy Fund was developed through the Municipality's agreement with Jericho Wind, LP (NextEra). It offers financial assistance to programs, projects, services or activities that enhance the quality of life for residents in the areas of health, arts, culture, leisure, heritage, recreation, education and the environment.

Funding through the Community Vibrancy stream is available based on the terms and conditions of the Municipality's agreement with Jericho Wind, LP.

2017 was the inaugural year for Vibrancy funding. \$120,000 in funding was approved that year, with another \$94,000 in 2018.

Projects that have benefited from the Vibrancy Funding include:

2017

- Forest-Lambton Museum – funds to improve accessibility to the museum
- Forest Agricultural Society – funds to replace old fencing along Hubbard Line to ensure safety and security of the fairgrounds
- Forest Canada Day – funds to purchase fireworks for the annual celebration
- Forest Curling & Social Club – funds to improve accessibility and appearance of the entrance of the curling club
- Forest Minor Baseball – funds to purchase two zero turn lawnmowers to use for diamond maintenance
- Grand Bend & Area Chamber of Commerce – funds to create and print a local trails map
- Grand Bend & Area Studio Tour – funds to assist with the cost of entertainment for the annual Summer Sunset concert series
- Grand Bend Canada Day - funds to purchase fireworks for the annual celebration
- Kiwanis Club of Forest – funds to replace aging entry signs in Forest
- Lakeshore Eco-Network – funds to purchase trees, plants, shrubs and materials for their landscape project at the Klondyke soccer fields
- Lambton Centre – funds to purchase new equipment for their leadership program and promotional materials
- Lambton Shores Phragmites Community Group – funds to purchase specialized equipment to aid in the removal of Phragmites
- Rotary Club of Grand Bend – funds to purchase materials and supplies for the beautification and enhancement of the Grand Bend Main Street turning circle
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 176 – funds used for the landscaping and concrete base for their Tree Carving Project
- Sarnia Lambton Rebound – funds were put towards a one-day collaborative youth mental wellness conference at the local high school



MUNICIPAL FUNDING AND ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY VIBRANCY FUNDING



2018

- Forest Agricultural Society – funds to paint the exterior of the buildings on the fairgrounds property
- Forest Lawn Bowling Club – funds to replace aging equipment
- Grand Bend Art Centre – funds to create a rotating art gallery of murals at the Grand Bend Beach House
- Kiwanis Club of Forest – funds to install “hotspot” WIFI in downtown Forest
- Lambton Centre – funds to purchase equipment for their youth programs
- Lambton Shores Lightning Athletic Association – funds to purchase two lawnmowers to assist with ball diamond maintenance
- Rotary Club of Grand Bend – funds for enhancements to the Rotary Community Stage at Grand Bend’s Main Beach
- Lambton Shores Minor Hockey Association – funds to purchase cross-ice boards for instructional, tyke and novice hockey
- Grand Bend & Area Studio Tour - funds to assist with cost the of entertainment for the annual Summer Sunset concert series
- Western Ontario Steam Threshers Association – funds to expand their marketing efforts
- West Coast Lions Club – funds to assist with the cost of entertainment for their Wednesday Night concert series
- Silver Stick Committee – funds to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the event
- The Jingle Bell Committee – funds to retrofit existing Christmas decorations with LED lights

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PAST ACHIEVEMENTS



2008—Provincials
4 Blooms, Floral Displays Award



2012—National Winners
5 Blooms, Community Involvement Award
Youth Involvement Award Finalist



2009—Provincials
5 Blooms,
Community Involvement Award



2010—Provincials
5 Blooms



2013—Class of Champions Winners
5 Blooms



2016—International Challenge Winners
5 Blooms—Silver
Tidiness Award
Special Mention—CIB Mystery Tour



2011—Nationals
5 Blooms, Environmental Award Finalist