



WinterLights Celebrations Awards 2009 / 2010 Edition



On March 6, 2010 *WinterLights Celebrations* honoured thirty-three participating communities from across Canada during the annual **WinterLights Celebrations Symposium and Awards Ceremony**, held this year in the City of Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island.

At the awards ceremony, the winners were announced in their respective categories, and each participating community received a special recognition for an outstanding program or community feature. As well, six communities were recognized for outstanding achievements in selected criteria, and the special Mentoring Award was presented to the Town of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland & Labrador. The “most appealing community display” award for on-site community exhibits was also presented by *Municipal World*.

Now into its ninth edition, **WinterLights Celebrations** is the winter edition of the popular **Communities in Bloom** program. During the months of November and December, trained volunteer judges evaluated participating communities on the program's five criteria: Visual Presentation, Festive Season Celebrations, Winter Pleasures, Goodwill Programs and Tourism & Promotion.

Ted Blowes, National Chairman of Communities in Bloom, thanked and congratulated all the participating communities, stating that “In this Olympic year it is gratifying to see the many exciting ways in which proud communities right across Canada are, ‘with both mittens’, celebrating the immensity of our Canadian winters”.

WINNERS PER POPULATION CATEGORY

1 – 7,500: District of Chetwynd, British Columbia
7,500 – 30,000: City of Fort St. John, British Columbia
Over 50,000: City of Kamloops, British Columbia
Winner's Circle: Town of Happy Valley – Goose Bay, Newfoundland & Labrador

CRITERIA AWARD WINNERS

Home Hardware Goodwill Programs Award: City of Brampton, Ontario
National Capital Commission Winter Festival Award: City of Barrie, Ontario
CN Tower Visual Presentation Award: North Glengarry – Alexandria Town, Ontario
Ted Blowes Services Ltd Festive Season Celebrations Award: City of Prince George, British Columbia
BaAM Productions Winter Pleasures Award: City of Stratford, Ontario
Communities in Bloom Foundation Youth Involvement Award: City of Vaughan, Ontario

WINTERLIGHTS CELEBRATIONS MENTORING AWARD WINNER

Town of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland & Labrador

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2009-2010 WINTERLIGHTS CELEBRATIONS RESULTS

<u>Categories & Communities</u>	<u>Star Rating</u>	<u>Recognition</u>
<u>1-7,500 Population</u>		
District of Chetwynd, BC	5	Greenspace Trail Systems
North Glengarry – Alexandria Town, ON	5	Alexandria Festival of Lights
Town of Carbonear, NL	5	Historical Preservation ~ Rorke Store Museum
City of Rossland, BC	5	Western Regional Pond Hockey Championships
Town of Torbay, NL	5	Friends of the Gully ~ Hug a Mug Project
Village of Valemount, BC	5	Cranberry Marsh Conservation
<u>7,500-30,000 Population</u>		
City of Fort St. John, BC	5	Winter Wonderful City
City of Brooks, AB	5	Regional Cooperation for Sports and Recreation Facilities
Town of Carleton Place, ON	5	A Community that Cares
Town of New Tecumseth, ON	5	Creating Unity in the Municipality
City of Trail, BC	5	Winter Pleasures - Sports Facilities and Programming
<u>50,000+ Population</u>		
City of Kamloops, BC	5	Spirit of Christmas with the Kamloops Heritage Railway
City of Barrie, ON	5	Barrie Winterfest and Festival of Ice
City of Brampton, ON	5	Winter Wonderland at Chinguacousy Park
Halifax Regional Municipality, NS	5	Dartmouth Crossing
City of Kingston, ON	4	Downtown Kingston B.I.A.
City of Prince George, BC	5	Grant Enhancement Program
<u>Winners Circle</u>		
Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL	5	Municipal Support in Winter Programs
City of Armstrong, BC	5	Churches Involvement in Festive Season Celebrations
City of Miramichi, NB	5	Student Involvement in Community Programs
<u>Circle of Excellence - Evaluated</u>		
Town of Bay Roberts, NL	5	Residential Lighting Displays
City of Stratford, ON	5	Community Involvement in Hockey Day in Canada
<u>Circle of Excellence – Non Evaluated</u>		
City of Charlottetown, PE	-	-
Metro Moncton, NB	-	-
Town of St. Marys, ON	-	-
<u>Networking – Evaluated</u>		
SDC Vieux-Montréal, QC	5	Engagement of Local Hotels in Goodwill Initiatives
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, AB	5	Youth Leadership in Goodwill Programs
<u>Networking – Non-evaluated</u>		
Town of Cow Head, NL	-	-
Ville d'Edmundston, NB	-	-
Town of Gravenhurst, ON	-	-
Town of Ingersoll, ON	-	-
City of Vaughan, ON	-	-
City of Woodstock, ON	-	-

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