

## Bluewater Communities in Bloom Committee seeks volunteers

November 24, 2017 – The Bluewater Communities in Bloom Committee invites individuals from the community to assist with planning and presenting the annual program.

The Communities in Bloom Committee (CIB) seeks enthusiastic persons to join the planning committee. This committee of volunteers plans and presents participation in the provincial Communities in Bloom program on behalf of the Municipality of Bluewater. CIB aka *Bluewater Blooms* currently has six members and wishes to increase the complement by three for a total of nine committee members.

Each year, Bluewater Blooms determines what aspects of the community to highlight that fit the criteria of the program evaluation. The criteria include Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry & Trails, Landscape, and Floral Displays. These aspects are combined into a community profile book and a two-day evaluation. Bluewater invites two professional judges to evaluate the accomplishments of the entire community (municipal, private, corporate, institutional and citizens) in July or August. The committee and the provincial judges are always astounded with the volume of positive achievements of the citizens and municipality.

“The judges tour was well planned and executed,” said 2016 judges Betty Lamont and Kathy Smyth. “There were so many highlights that it is impossible to mention them, although the sun going down to a full bagpipe band playing *Amazing Grace* is a memory that will never be forgotten...We urge the Municipality to consider entering Communities in Bloom at the National level.”

Blooms ratings are awarded to all participating communities across Ontario. Bluewater has won the top award, Five Blooms, for four consecutive years!

The Municipality of Bluewater joined Communities in Bloom Ontario in 2010 to celebrate and recognize the bringing together of five communities together (Bayfield, Hensall, Zurich and the townships of Hay and Stanley). Communities in Bloom Ontario is the provincial edition of the national program, a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification.

Please fill out the *Bluewater Committee Application Form* to communicate your interest in joining the Bluewater Communities in Bloom Committee. Persons must be appointed to the Committee by Council.

To find out more about the Bluewater Communities in Bloom Committee, the community profile book and access the application form, please visit the municipal website [www.municipalityofbluewater.ca](http://www.municipalityofbluewater.ca) and select Municipal Services/Council/Committees. You may also call Nellie Evans, Secretary, at 519-236-4351 ext 236 or email [nevans@municipalityofbluewater.ca](mailto:nevans@municipalityofbluewater.ca)

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - Communities in Bloom Committee

*The Municipality of Bluewater encourages its residents to volunteer by becoming members of local municipal committees. Council and Staff recognize the value of your experiences and desire to improve the quality of life of your family and friends.  
We share your vision, and we could use your help!*

**I wish to serve my community by offering my talent, experiences and knowledge on the Communities in Bloom committee.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Mailing Address:

Daytime Telephone:

Email Address:

### TALENT, EXPERIENCES & KNOWLEDGE

Examples of my talents (skills) are:

Examples of my experiences (including past committee memberships) are:

Examples of my knowledge (including formal education) are:

## COMMITTEES, BOARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

I am currently a member of these committees: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My appointment to the \_\_\_\_\_ expires (YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ does not expire \_\_\_\_\_.

I am currently a director on the Board of \_\_\_\_\_

My appointment to the Board expires on: \_\_\_\_\_

I hold current memberships with: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIFICATIONS

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and may be a property owner or resident or tenant within the Municipality of Bluewater.

Individuals possessing prior knowledge of the Communities in Bloom program is an asset but not necessary. An individual may but is not limited to represent one of these sectors of the community: business, service clubs or groups, community and municipality.

Individuals should be able to commit to attending a majority of meetings usually held in a calendar year. The Communities in Bloom Committee meets 10 times annually on the second Thursday of the month. Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Zurich Community Centre meeting room. The maximum length of meetings is two hours. There are no meetings scheduled for January and February.

Agendas, minutes and other information are available on the municipal website under Committees:  
[www.municipalityofbluewater.ca](http://www.municipalityofbluewater.ca)

*The location, frequency and time of meetings are subject to change and require Council's approval of a by-law. Also, the Chair of the Committee may call a special meeting. In either case, appointed members are given advance notice.*

*The Municipality of Bluewater is an equal opportunity organization. Disability related accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process. Applicants should make their needs known in advance. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

**Please return your completed application indicating interest in becoming a member of a municipal committee to:** Nellie Evans      Email: [nevens@municipalityofbluewater.ca](mailto:nevens@municipalityofbluewater.ca)  
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