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Community: Port Blandford

Province: Newfoundland and Labrador

Category: Population Category 401-650

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

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| Tidiness | 120 | / | 150.00 |
| Environmental Action | 128 | / | 200.00 |
| Heritage Conservation | 100 | / | 150.00 |
| Urban Forestry | 90 | / | 175.00 |
| Landscape | 132 | / | 200.00 |
| Floral Displays | 114 | / | 175.00 |
| | Total | | 684 / 1000.00 |

Percentage : 68.4%

Bloom rating:

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 : _____

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Chad Holloway Function : Mayor of Port Blandford

Name: Vida Greening Function : Town Clerk

Name: _____ Function : _____

Judges

Name: Edwena Kavanagh Name: Gerry White

Evaluation date: July 21, 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
- Demonstrate how you community integrates climate change into municipal decision making (e.g. the council completed a vulnerability assessment, conducted energy audit or has taken coastal erosion or extreme weather events into account for land use planning)

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

The picturesque Town of Port Blandford is located just a couple of minutes off of the Trans Canada Highway just west of Clarenville, Newfoundland. Upon entering the Town one cannot help but notice that there has been a concerted effort by the residents to keep their properties in beautiful condition. A very large number of the residences had freshly cut lawns accented by flowers and shrubbery. Port Blandford is a very pretty town.

The Tidy Judges were escorted on their tour by Mayor Chad Holloway. It became very evident to the Judges that Mayor Chad is passionate about his Town and has a clear vision for its future. It became abundantly clear to the Judges that the Mayor is taking steps towards achieving this vision.

Without question the highlight of the Tour of Port Blandford featured a "Golf Cart Guided Tour" of the Terra Nova Golf Course located within the Town boundaries. Our guide for this tour was the President and CEO of the Golf Course.

Faced with a very dry summer the condition of the greens was impressive. The golf course utilizes its own network of irrigation by taking water from a stream found within the property. The golf course does not use Town drinking water as a source of irrigation. The golf course is making great strides to encourage recycling by placing bins around their property.

The Town of Port Blandford must be congratulated for its beautification efforts for the main road going thru the town. Much work is underway in terms of cutting brush and shrubbery to make the area more aesthetically pleasing. The positioning of the benches and places of rest are an added plus to this area.

The Town has a vibrant volunteer base and continues to develop it. The Town has also worked hard to build a very strong positive relationship with the owners of the Golf Course and have partnered with them on several major initiatives.

In terms of recommendations, we would encourage the Town to continue to work towards its goal of building on its heritage. The Mayor pointed out a couple of older properties within the town that would be real gems if they could be acquired for their historical significance. We hope the Town actively pursues this with a view towards gaining ownership of one or two of these properties.

We also encourage the Town to work towards becoming a little greener within their Town Office Complex. Programmable thermostats, sensed lighting would be two good starts. When time comes to replace windows and garage doors we encourage the Town to be very cognizant towards energy efficiency. Additionally, we encourage the Town to give consideration to "greening" their Fleet when the time comes to replace these machines. With the Town being Environmental Stewards it is hoped that the townspeople will follow.

The Town should also give some consideration to offering some additional wellness activities within the Town that involves people of all ages. Perhaps something in the Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer would be a good start. While the Town has done some work in this area some thought should be given to building on the whole concept of community wellness.

Finally, the Town should look at a landscape plan for its public (and park) areas with a procurement list for trees, shrubs and perhaps even the integration of some flowers. A small expenditure in this area would serve to enhance the aesthetics of the Town of Port Blandford.

Thanks to Mayor Holloway for being our guide for the afternoon. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your Town.

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| TIDINESS | | |
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| <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 | 12 |
| Community anti-litter awareness programs | 5 | 3 |
| Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents | 10 | 7 |
| 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 | 12 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions | 15 | 12 |
| Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots | 15 | 13 |
| Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers | 5 | 4 |
| Residential | | |
| Tidiness, order and cleanliness | 20 | 16 |
| 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 | 7 |
| 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 | 120 |

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TIDINESS

Observations:

Recommendations:

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| ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION | | |
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| <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 | 14 |
| 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 | 12 |
| 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 | 10 |
| 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 | 4 |
| 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 | 4 |
| Understanding How Climate Change Affect Municipal Planning and the Benefits of Knowing Your Carbon Footprint | | |
| Energy Efficient/Sustainable Buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large buildings in the community (above 600 square meters) funded by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registered with Canada Green Buildings Council (CaGBC) for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) designation or received a LEED designation. (5 points) ○ Buildings constructed with energy efficiency and other environmentally sustainable practices in mind, including, improved insulation levels, the installation of low-flow faucets and low-flush toilets, energy efficient windows and doors, use energy efficient appliances, set up recycling or composting services, use programmable thermostats, using non-toxic paints and cleaners, build on a re-developed site, and by re-using building materials where possible. (5 points) • Small buildings in the community (below 600 square meters) are designed built with energy efficiency and other environmentally sustainable practices in mind, including, improved insulation levels, the installation of low-flow faucets and low-flush toilets, energy efficient windows and doors, use energy efficient appliances, set up recycling or composting services, use programmable thermostats, using non-toxic paints and cleaners, build on a re-developed site, and by re-using building materials where possible.. (5 points) • The Municipal Council's Building Permits have been modified to reflect complying with the National Building Code, including the energy efficiency requirements. Refer to: (5 points) • Motions have been passed to adopt the national Building Code annually, with a second motion that places compliance on builders or homeowners. (5 points) | 25 | 15 |

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| ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION | | |
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| Municipal Government Carbon Footprint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council is aware of the carbon footprint of its municipal operations (e.g. though completing the Municipal Government Carbon) and has discussed how to lower its footprint at council meetings through increasing recycling, decreasing paper usage, encouraging employees to carpool when traveling, etc. (5 points) • The council has taken proactive measures to lower its carbon footprint through measures such as the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles, use of new light bulbs, installing programmable thermostats, including green leasing requirements, use of motion detectors, and buying ENERGY STAR products. (5 points) | 10 | 5 |
| Inclusive Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Response Plan has been submitted to FESNL and updated or modified since created. (5 points) • Environmental considerations such as land-use, coastal development or improved infrastructure planning and development due to damage from past storms or likelihood of future storms have been factored into Integrated Community Sustainability Plans. (5 points) • Zoning and permit issuance and future development factor in issues related to climate change and water resources. (5 points) | 15 | 11 |
| 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 | 8 |
| Residential | | |
| Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting | 20 | 10 |
| Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection | 15 | 9 |
| Community Involvement | | |
| Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues | 5 | 3 |
| Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.) | 10 | 7 |
| 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 | 200.00 | 128 |

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

Recommendations:

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| HERITAGE CONSERVATION | | |
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| <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 | 5 |
| 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 | 10 |
| 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 | 12 |
| Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public | 15 | 7 |
| New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage | 10 | 7 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and landscapes | 15 | 8 |
| Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees | 15 | 10 |
| Residential | | |
| Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites, buildings and heritage landscapes | 10 | 5 |
| Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures | 5 | 2 |
| 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 | 10 |
| 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 | 6 |
| Heritage Conservation Total | 150.00 | 100 |

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

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| URBAN FORESTRY | | |
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| <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 | 6 |
| Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands | 10 | 4 |
| Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan | 10 | 4 |
| Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots | 15 | 7 |
| Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species, recommended tree list | 10 | 2 |
| Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases | 10 | 2 |
| Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs | 10 | 2 |
| Maintenance best practices and proven results | 10 | 5 |
| Qualified personnel and/or crew training | 10 | 5 |
| 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 | 10 |
| Residential | | |
| Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on residential properties | 15 | 11 |
| 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 | 8 |
| 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 | 4 |
| Urban Forestry Total | 175.00 | 90 |

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

Recommendations:

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| LANDSCAPE | | |
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| <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 | 7 |
| 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 | 5 |
| 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 | 5 |
| 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 | 5 |
| Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications | 10 | 7 |
| Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events) | 10 | 5 |
| Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training | 5 | 3 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture | 10 | 9 |
| 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 | 8 |
| Residential | | |
| Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed) | 15 | 10 |
| Maintenance of properties: lawn care and shrub maintenance | 15 | 11 |
| 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 | 8 |
| 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 | 8 |
| Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities | 10 | 6 |

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| LANDSCAPE | | |
| Landscape Total | 200.00 | 132 |

LANDSCAPE

Observations:

Recommendations:

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| FLORAL DISPLAYS | | |
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| <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 | 9 |
| Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics | 20 | 10 |
| Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora | 10 | 7 |
| Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc. | 20 | 15 |
| Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training | 10 | 7 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds | 15 | 11 |
| Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc. | 10 | 8 |
| Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program | 15 | 10 |
| Residential | | |
| Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties | 15 | 10 |
| Quality of planting and maintenance | 15 | 10 |
| Community Involvement | | |
| Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.). | 15 | 8 |
| Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities | 15 | 9 |
| Floral Displays Total | 175.00 | 114 |

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

Recommendations:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT

“Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns, communities involved in the Tidy Towns program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.”

TIDY TOWNS 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