



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU-2023-010

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Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Community Development and Growth

Subject: Communities in Bloom 2023

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

That City Council endorse the participation in Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition 2023.

Background

Clean Green and Beautiful North Bay has requested the endorsement of City Council to participate in Communities in Bloom. The City previously participated in Communities in Bloom, with the last year participating was approximately 2005.

Communities in Bloom consists of communities receiving information and being evaluated either provincially or nationally by a volunteer jury of trained professionals on the accomplishments of their entire community (municipal, private, corporate and institutional sectors, citizens) on six key criteria: Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant & Floral Displays.

Details include:

- Communities participate with other communities in their population category within their province.
- Provincial judges evaluate the communities on the eight program criteria and award a bloom rating from 1 to 5 blooms (5 being the highest ranking) at a provincial awards ceremony in the fall, where communities receive a certificate with their bloom rating.

- Up to two communities in each province will be invited to participate in the following year's national edition.
- Any community is allowed to participate in a non-competitive category either to learn about the program or, if they are past provincial participants or national finalists, to maintain their rating from the previous year.

Financial/Legal Implications

From the City's previous experience in participating in Communities in Bloom City staff will coordinate and collaborate with Clean Green and Beautiful and other community partners towards scheduling and outcomes to ensure the City of North Bay puts its best foot forward for the judging competition.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

Options Analysis

Option 1:

That City Council endorse the participation in Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition 2023.

Option 2:

That City Council does not endorse the participation in Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition 2023.

Recommended Option

That City Council endorse the participation in Communities in Bloom Provincial Competition 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Title: Director Public Works and Parks

I concur with this report and recommendation

Name David Euler, P.Eng., PMP
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:
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Director Public Works and Parks