

Capreol Evaluation Form

2017



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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

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 and 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, community organizations and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement, including municipal spaces maintained through the efforts of volunteers and community
- 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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Community: Capreol

Province: Ontario

Category: Up to 5000

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

Tidiness	120.0	/	150.00
Environmental Action	117.0	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	132.5	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	137.0	/	175.00
Landscape	162.5	/	200.00
Floral Displays	151.5	/	175.00
Total	820.50	/	1000.00

Percentage : 82%

Bloom rating: 5 Blooms

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.

National and International Edition, for evaluated communities only.

82 to 83.9%: 5 Blooms. 84 to 86.9%: 5 Blooms (Bronze). 87 to 89.9%: 5 Blooms (Silver). 90% and over: 5 Blooms (Gold).

- A community does not have to be entered in a competitive category, but will need to be evaluated.

Mention : _____

Representative (s) of Community

Name:	<u>Mr. Cody Cacciotti</u>	Function :	<u>Operations Manager NORMHC</u>
Name:	<u>Mr. Mike Jakubo</u>	Function :	<u>Councillor Ward #7</u>
Name:	<u>Mr Frank Madigan</u>	Function :	<u>NORMHC Board Member</u>

Judges

Name:	<u>Chris Ziemski</u>	Name:	<u>Everett Nieuwkoop</u>
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date: July 18-19, 2017

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The judges whole heartedly wish to thank and recognize, Cory Cacciotti and The Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Center. We also wish to thank The Capreol Community Action Network, the Capreol CIB Committee and all the volunteers for their unending drive in both our tour, and in all the advance preparations for the 2017 CIB evaluations. Their warmth and hospitality while sharing their work and successes was extremely appreciated by the judges, and was most helpful in learning all that was possible about the area. Cory's passion for the area and its people is undeniable, and well worth its weight in gold!

Capreol and Greater Sudbury should be extremely proud of the efforts of all these volunteers and of the most assistive support from councillor Mike Jakubo. We do thank you all!

Upon arrival a welcoming sign and some green space gives you a nice feeling of place! The one-way entry into the business area was very well thought of; drawing focus into the NORMHC upon entry; and then up into the business area. Heritage is so very important to the future of this community, and as such looking ahead to new ideas while embracing the past is what will make this area hold strong and viable. The area has both the physical and infrastructural room for growth, and the affordability of homes in the area could over time make it more attractive as Greater Sudbury grows. The re-development of the Lakeshore St. beach and trail system will further enhance the area's interest. The near future re-working of King and Queen St.'s will also bring further welcomed improvements to the community; particularly in time for its Centennial in 2018. Continued focus on both the built environment and on the natural heritage of the area is truly the most appropriate direction for such a beautiful area. With the well thought out tourism plan, the NORHMC and its volunteer base, it is very clear that this is the lifeblood of this area. Ongoing focal input and focus into this plan will surely bring increased economic benefit and longer-term sustainability to this community.

The importance and strength of community involvement is obvious in Capreol. Being on the fringe of the Greater Sudbury Area, the need for a strong voice and presence for the area is fully understandable and truly admired. The CCAN, along with its various committees, The Capreol Business Association, the local churches and local organizations, are all the very reason there is change and improvement in the area. Without such involvement, the municipality would be in a very difficult position. It is our hope that further ongoing partnerships and strengthening support between the above and the municipality continue; to further advance the local economy, build upon the quality of life in the area, and draw new and continued interests to the community. Where possible, any increased financial investment by the city will most certainly assist in building upon the various strengths that are already in place in Capreol.

Capreol has clearly made improvements over the previous year's entry, and with continued work in the combined areas it will bring forth spectacular results. Our most notable view of Capeol was its interest in its past and the incredible energy of the volunteers that wish to help keep that interest alive!

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TIDINESS		
<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 prevention/removal and vandalism deterrent programs.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	10	8.0
Community anti-litter awareness programs	10	7.5
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, unsightly private property maintenance by-laws, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	8
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers etc.)	15	12.5
Visual appeal, and condition of municipal buildings and properties (including City Hall grounds),	15	12
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	12.5
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	11
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4.5
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	16.5
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	12.5
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	7.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community clean-up programs	10	7.5
Tidiness Total	150.00	120.00

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TIDINESS

Observations:

Upon our arrival, it was evident that the overall area is kept relatively neat and tidy. The garden bed at the welcome sign was unfortunately in queue for maintenance. It appears that some residential properties go well above the norm in terms of their properties while others tend to not do as much. Properties overall are generally well maintained but many still have not embraced any additional plantings or even trees on their frontages. This is something that is still needed in some parts of the built-up areas. This is not to say that they are unkept in any way, just lacking a little in greenery, trees and or colour. It is understood that ground conditions may play a large part in this however, there are other options to use containers, planter boxes, or raised beds, etc.

Litter was not a concern in any way and overall the streets are clean and reasonably well maintained. Some broken curbing and rutted road edges at the gutters were noted in the business area, creating safety concerns for pedestrians. The addition of benches and garbage receptacles is duly noted. They are well placed and appear well used.

A few local businesses were noted to have weeds in their sidewalk frontages and along their building frontages. A community improvement recognition program to entice maintenance of these areas may be beneficial in bringing up the level of care. Screening of chain link fenced storage areas could also enhance and hide any unnecessarily visible compounds or enclosures containing weeds and debris.

Recommendations:

Curb, sidewalk and gutter improvements in the business area would be prudent as there are some safety concerns in terms of pedestrian movement. Any work in doing so should address any deficiencies in meeting AODA requirements. There is potential for the use of tree planters in the business area for the warmer season; with a replanting of those trees annually in the fall (once dormant) into other areas.

Consider the addition of a summer student to the municipal horticultural crew to enhance street weed control and improve timing of maintenance in the overall area. Follow up on the negligent maintenance at the rear of the old school site where grasses have been let go behind the property. Additional pride in community could be expressed through an exterior refreshing of the community rinks, and the baseball backstop at the ball diamond; fully understanding budgets and their age.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
Environmental action pertains to the impact of human activities on the environment and the subsequent efforts and achievements of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices for waste reduction and landfill diversion, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.		
	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	16.0
Waste reduction to landfill and results (3-R : reduce, reuse and recycle), municipal composting programs, including activities such as composting sites, yard waste collections, mulching of wood debris (Christmas trees, hedge trimmings, etc.), reclamation of cut trees, and handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection and reuse of compost material	20	15
Water conservation and use-reduction programs such as or promotions, efficient irrigation, use of non-potable water, water restriction policies	15	11.5
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), and initiatives such as: efficient appliances initiatives, shielding for night skies issues, efficient street lighting	15	13
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: - Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways; Horticultural practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales, permeable surfaces and rain water management - Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation - Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission (carbon reduction).	10	8.0
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management	10	7.0
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (ex. environmental clean-up activities)	10	7.5
Residential 7.0		
Participation in the 3-R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiatives and composting	10	8.0
Adoption of water conservation practices such as rainwater collection and rain gardens	15	10
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	4.0
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	8.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8.5
Environmental Action Total	150.00	117.00

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

The use of self watering planters is fully commended for saving, staff time, water, and fuel. The selection and maintenance of hanging baskets, planters in the core, park areas and other lands is very appropriate and well chosen. Use of rain water collection through barrels at the community garden is a great water saver and a great demonstration and promotion of water saving opportunity to residents.

The ongoing benefits of the solar farm are understandably there and hopefully the financial returns are strong and directed into augmenting municipal amenities and budgets. We also happily recognize the municipality's anti-idling policy and the future planned bicycle lanes throughout the community. These are green initiatives that go a long way.

Some municipal lighting in the area has yet to be upgraded to LED and a plan should be in place to do so as soon as financially possible.

The acceptance and use of the recycling and green bin program appears to quite positive and well used. The change in municipal pick up should bring a reasonable reduction in collection costs and hopefully drive more reduction in garbage disposal needs..

Both judges also commend the volunteer's and the area's continued interest in reforestation and brownfield reclamation. The Peace Garden is a great example of such. The re-use of materials on the site and the ingenious use of skids to build a large herb display container is most creative. Many pollinator plants were seen there filled with bees and obviously serving their full purpose. We congratulate both Virginia and Ruth and their volunteers for their dedicated work at the Peace Park and at the Garden of Life in Prescott Park. Special thanks to Mike Jakubo for his assistance in getting a water source to the Peace Garden.

We noted very wise use of inground garbage receptacles at Ella Lake beach; allowing for the protection of debris in the cans from animals while also allowing for the reduced need for frequent can changes.

Recommendations:

Greater promotion of the municipal tree planting program in conjunction with a tree education program for home owners would be beneficial.

The municipality should continue LED lighting retrofits in the arena parking lot and in any community owned buildings for further energy savings. Consider establishing a cost recovery green energy savings account if it hasn't been done yet. The first year's investment into any energy savings project is monitored for the hydro savings and then the saved energy dollars are redirected into a holding account for the next year's energy reduction savings projects; as long as there is a minimum 5 year pay back met. This will keep Capreol and Greater Sudbury with a rolling energy reduction fund for the next number of years.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Heritage conservation includes efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Preservation of natural heritage pertains to policies, plans and actions concerning all elements of biodiversity including flora and fauna ecosystems and associated geological structures and formations. Cultural conservation refers to the heritage that helps define the community including the legacy of tangible (built/hard assets) elements such as heritage buildings, monuments, memorials, cemeteries, artifacts, museums and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The participation of groups such as historical societies and conservation groups are considered.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Natural heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs	10	8.0
Natural heritage management plans and preservation initiatives: including eco systems, eco parks, protection of sensitive habitats, species at risk, support for at risk pollinators, grasslands, naturalization, wetlands, urban agriculture/farming, and wildlife	15	13.0
Management and promotion of natural heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	13
Cultural heritage policies, by-laws and plans and preservation initiatives for heritage buildings, cemeteries, artefacts, museums, monuments, heritage trees and gardens, including their integration with streetscapes and landscape	15	13.5
Cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	10	9
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and integration of natural heritage, including eco parks, conservation areas, heritage gardens, trees and landscapes.	15	13
Conservation, restoration and, reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts including their integration with the built/hard, streetscapes and green landscapes	10	9.0
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of heritage buildings, artefacts on residential lands.	10	9.0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual natural heritage programs including developing policies and plans, site improvements and management, conservation and education initiatives.	15	14
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including environmental groups) in community initiated natural heritage activities and programs.	15	14
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual cultural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	10	9.0
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions (including historical societies) in community initiated cultural heritage activities and programs.	10	8.0
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	132.50

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The Municipality and Riverfront committee's involvement in developing the riverfront plan fully keeps heritage in mind and is duly recognized for that as well. The municipal and community involvement in this project is very commendable.

The continued protection of the area's natural heritage green spaces is being handled quite well and with great future vision.

The work done by the NORHMC in offering local festivals and events is hopefully duly recognized by the municipality. It alone is a major catalyst for growth of further tourism and the fostering of community well-being. The promotion of the above festivals and the NORHMC by Greater Sudbury Tourism is well noted. There are symbiotic benefits to both the local area and the larger city center. This is a great example of a partnership program that works well from all angles.

Recommendations:

Continue with the hard work and focus on heritage in this area. As part of any street improvements, consideration should be placed into the use of heritage style light standards and lighting fixtures. Possibly even looking into "wood plank" stamping of any new concrete walks in the area to give the core area a boardwalk feel?

The ongoing development of the NORHMC is of course critical and it "appears to be on the right rails!" We feel their efforts are not a concern as long as they are further supported as required. They are hopefully recognized as the true driver of tourism, and additional economic interest in the area.

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URBAN FORESTRY & TRAILS		
Urban Forestry and Trails includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree and trail management (selection, design, signage, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, pollinator friendly tree selection, tree inventory, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees. Trail types, signage, risk management policies, accessibility, surfacing and promotion		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest and trail	10	8.0
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	15	11.0
Urban forestry and trail plan and design, including integration with overall green infrastructure landscape plan, and measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots and trails	20	15.0
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy and pollinator habitat tree species, recommended tree list and tree planting standards. Trail linkages, land acquisition, landowner agreements, stakeholder engagement	10	7.5
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases. Trail vegetative encroachment control and risk management	10	7.5
Public information programs: good planting techniques, best practices and maintenance programs including Trail promotion, signage, guides, trail use protocols	15	11.0
Maintenance best practices with proven results	10	7.0
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	5	4.0
Business & Institutions		
Contribution to expanding overall trail and tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees, on properties owned by business and institutions.	15	12.5
Maintenance programs, best practices with proven results: watering, pruning, IPM, surfacing, signage, trailhead markers, hazard removals, inspections	10	8.0
Residential		
Contribution to expanding overall trail and tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees on residential properties	15	12.5
Maintenance best practices with proven results	10	8.0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such as Green Streets Canada, Arbor Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.) Trail adoption, clean up days, maintenance and public safety awareness for users, eg snowmobilers, hikers, ATV, horses, etc	20	17.0
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community trail maintenance and stewardship, tree planting and conservation programs on public lands	10	8.0
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	137.00

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

The overall reforestation work in the Greater Sudbury area is amazing and has shown marked improvement and change in the landscape. With the ongoing climate changes taking place, the importance of this continued effort is obvious. There should be a larger focus on singing out the success of this work across the province. To many travellers unfamiliar with the area, it still has the stigma of being the "lunar landscape city."

Many private properties should also address their deficit of trees within the Capreol area. Every effort should be made to make the residential areas as filled with trees as possible; particularly as those areas seem lacking compared to the immediate and true natural surroundings.

The continued hard work and dedication of the Rainbow Routes Association is clearly deserving of recognition.

Trail areas seem well kept and generally well signed. It is hoped that maintenance and inspection programs identify and address any deficiencies or CPTED concerns. Through the continued work of Rainbow Routes, the trail system will further strengthen and continue to draw that niche eco tourist; as well as serve the local population's recreation and transportation needs.

Recommendations:

Consideration should be made into a few "info bits" on the state of the reforestation work in certain tourism promotion. Although the work has been ongoing from a number of decades ago, this success should be continually communicated outward to others in the province, so as to eliminate the last remnants of the "lunar landscape city" stigma. The area is truly beautiful and its tree scape should be shared outward.

Residents should be further encouraged to plant up their properties with trees, and the importance of a tree canopy should be shared with all. As noted there are some areas in Capreol lacking in trees.

As noted earlier the core area in Capreol could benefit from some urban forestry enhancement wherever possible.

Some trail signage could be enhanced with more detail over time. As ecotourism continues to increase in the trail system the importance of covering all emergency information, dangers and risks, while remaining inviting to the trail is important. This is particularly important for the non-local or tourist.

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LANDSCAPE		
<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		
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	8.0
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties (including pollinator friendly) , traffic calming, bank stabilisation	10	8.0
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	8.0
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	7.5
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization and adapted maintenance programs	10	7.5
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	8.0
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards, specifications and best practices.	5	4.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	10	8.5
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (urban agriculture, community gardens, parks and recreation programs)	10	8.5
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	7.5
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	12.5
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	7.5
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	12.50
Maintenance of properties: lawn care, trees and shrub maintenance (with proven results)	15	12.0
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, edible and pollinator friendly plants)	10	8.0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: urban agriculture, community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization, etc.)	20	17.5
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including activities in all evaluated criteria	20	16.5
Landscape Total	200.00	162.50

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The entrance coming into Capreol with the railroad theme truly helps one understand the heritage of the town and its theme. We noticed many new benches and planter pots throughout the town; a nice appeal and very practical for citizens enjoying a relaxing walk in town. Having businesses involved in the addition of street planters to accent the commercial area, fosters community spirit and community improvement. The use of hardy plant material and natural landscape is visible throughout Capreol; there is truly a pride in community here.

The work with various community partners is truly reaping some great benefits! The Community Gardens at Our Lady of Peace are a spectacular return to the community, and there's the ability for further growth of the program with the church's support. The Gardens are great way to get the town's people involved in growing their own vegetables that they can harvest, while they share and reap the rewards of their work.

The direction by president Randy Crisp of the Capreol Community Action Network is evident in all the activities in all areas within the community of Capreol, well done. The new waterfront project is a direct result of many passionate town folk and of representative ward 7 councilor, Mike Jakubo.

The museum grounds have a wonderful flow and the path makes it accessible for many to stroll along and enjoy the trains. The garden of life and water fall is a most tranquil place to enjoy by all. Fran has done a wonderful job maintaining such a beautiful place. The many volunteers such as George, Frank, Bob, Al, Jackie, Marshall, Leah and Brian show why the museum is so successful.

There is a great community involvement in upgrading and continuing to beautify this great town that has so much history!

We would like to congratulate Stan on his endless work at the local ski club , another example of pride and volunteer work that makes a community strong.

The museum is in in great hands under the guidance of Cory, his enthusiasm for both Capreol and the museum is so very contagious!

Recommendations:

We saw some safety concerns along the Riverfront walkway with rotting wood timber edging with nails sticking out. We understand most will see repair and replacement during the riverfront work, however some immediate attention should be brought to this. The main garden at the welcome sign coming into town looked tired and had a fair number of weeds in it, and some extra focus and perhaps an additional staff person (student) would help alleviate some of the work load from the horticulturist.

The addition of a few bicycle racks in the main core area of Capreol could help increase bicycle activity and interest within the overall area.

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Floral displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents 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, edible plants, water efficient and pollinator friendly plants) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.

	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	13.5
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	18.0
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora, pollinator friendly plants	10	8.5
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	17.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs	10	8.0
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	13.0
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	10	8.0
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	8.0
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	20	16.0
Pollinator gardens and/or inclusion of pollinator plants in gardens		
Quality of planting and maintenance with proven results.	15	13.0
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.)	15	14.0
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community floral displays activities	15	14.0
Floral Displays Total	175.00	151.50

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

We saw a significant increase in floral containers based on last year's evaluation and some great involvement by the Capreol business association.

It was great to meet the horticulturalist from Greater Sudbury parks; she and her coworker have such great dedication to improving your communities' beauty.

The involvement by the residents to "add a pot or hanging basket" is a great way to get the community involved.

The garden tour was a very great way to get the community involved and show their pride.

We really enjoyed the garden tour and the different gardens shown by Virginia, Herbie and Klaus; special thanks to you all!

Next year's plans to use the Capreol colours in the floral displays throughout the town is a great way to celebrate the community's Centennial while generating local interest in partaking in a summer beautification plan.

We are impressed with the use of the self-watering planters as mentioned.

The maintenance care and colour scheme at the cemetery truly shows strong community pride and respect.

Continue the great efforts by all volunteers to make your 100th anniversary, a huge success, and make Capreol blossom even further.

Recommendations:

Mass plantings of one type of flower and colour can make a greater impression when entering Capreol; especially around the Capreol sign coming into town. It would make it stand out more and make it easier to see by automobile.

Continue involvement with residents in the new planter or hanging baskets to beautify their homes.

May we suggest an award of the week for business or homeowners who go above and beyond to beautify Capreol, and perhaps post a temporary sign on their lawn for their efforts.

A continued awareness of community's in bloom to all residents is a way to get everyone involved and the use of the Communities in Bloom signage is recommended.

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