

# Community of Capreol blooms once again

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The small town of Capreol continues to make big strides in the annual Communities in Bloom showcase.

For the last three summers, provincial judges have visited the railway town, and each year, Capreol continues to improve. One of only a few Northern Ontario communities represented at this year's award symposium, Capreol was in the mix with many of the more established participants.

The competition is about more than just floral displays as the evaluation also examines other key criteria such as tidiness, environmental action, heritage conservation, urban forestry, community involvement and landscape.

Impressing the judges, the town scored a "bloom rating" of 4/5 blooms with a score of 80.45 per cent, narrowly missing out on a 5/5 bloom rating by 1.5 per cent.

"It was a pleasure to visit and evaluate the community of Capreol," judges Ray Hurd and Paul Ronan said in a joint statement. "The coming together of so many very active community organizations focused on town improvements, along with many committed local leaders expresses a passion for success to be envied."

The judges also noted that the implementation of the Riverfront Restoration Project as part of the town's Community Improvement Plan must remain a priority and is essential for further economic growth and development for the town. The town continues to work with staff at the Greater City of Sudbury to get the project underway ahead of Capreol's Centennial Celebration in 2018.

The town also received a coveted criteria award for "Youth Involvement," an award directly linked to the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre's ability to captivate young volunteers and encourage them to get involved with its annual Halloween event, the Terror Train 6077.

"This is a special award for the museum and for the community," explained operations manager Cody Cacciotti. "While many communities all across the province are facing an aging volunteer base, we have uncovered a unique way to engage the youth in Capreol and neighbouring communities and get behind a very meaningful event that helps fund and support so many other projects offered at the museum."

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