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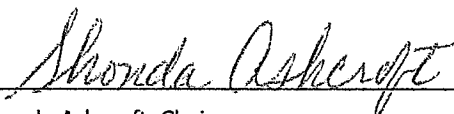
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SPECIAL MENTION

Veteran Park

Town of Stonewall , Manitoba

September 10th, 2016



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Community: L.U.D Baldur
Province: Manitoba
Category: 1-500

The evaluation is based on 6 criteria:

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| Tidiness | 131.00 | / | 150.00 |
| Environmental Action | 128.50 | / | 150.00 |
| Heritage Conservation | 128.50 | / | 150.00 |
| Urban Forestry | 143.00 | / | 175.00 |
| Landscape | 170.00 | / | 200.00 |
| Floral Displays | 156.00 | / | 175.00 |
| Total | 857.00 | / | 1000.00 |

Percentage : 86%

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.

Special Mention : Veteran Park

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Joy Johnson Function : CIB
 Name: Bernice Hiscock Function : CIB
 Name: _____ Function : _____

Judges

Name: Tom Ethans Name: Glenda MacPhee

Evaluation date: July 21, 2016

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Baldur may be a small community but the spirit and enthusiasm is very large. The volunteers are doing an amazing job of keeping things moving. Having positive municipal support goes a long way to encourage volunteers to continue. The beautiful thank you sign erected in Veteran Park is testament to the support.

Baldur is a great community. We encourage your Flower Committee to expand its focus to the National level. The criteria is the same but could be a wonderful motivation to keep going and perhaps even an encouragement for new members to join.

The chance meeting with Grant, the weed man, and Devon, the conservation person, was a marvellous opportunity to see more in depth, what was going on in the community. Both showed significant knowledge and expertise. Grant and Devon together with Lucille from the Recycling depot, Mike and Arlene in their garden and our knowledgeable tour guides, all helped to create a thorough picture of your town. Is there a way to connect with someone from the school? Direct contacts with those involved in all specific aspects of the community help to create the complete picture.

The pride that the residents showed in their yards helped to give the town some excellent curb appeal. The enthusiasm of the volunteers was very evident throughout our tour, at lunch and at the barbecue.

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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:

- 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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TIDINESS

Observations:

Coming into Baldur, one is impressed with the signs on either end of the town – they stand out and are very neat and clean. Driving through the town, it was difficult to see much litter at all. There appeared to be more recycling containers than garbage containers, and they were not always together, however more recycling is a good thing.

It is so important to involve the community in cleanups, especially children, who learn the value of making a difference at school through 4-H and at home. The fact that school children are given the opportunity to work in both communities of Baldur and Belmont is a wonderful example of community cooperation.

Upon walking the main street, there was a bit of accumulation of litter between commercial buildings, as well as a good amount of cigarette butts. Litter loves to hide in tiny places and can have the effect of making a town appear untidy.

The Veteran Park is clean and inviting...a wonderful spot for your many activities such as picnics, Farmer's Market, meetings and gatherings.

The buildings along both residential and business districts are generally in good repair.

Recommendations:

When you have only a few businesses, please keep an eye not just in front but also between the buildings and in the back. Cigarette containers along front street businesses would help to alleviate the cigarette butt problem, and Baldur can lead the way in recycling cigarette butts through a company called Terracycle. <https://www.terracycle.ca/en-CA/brigades/cigarette-waste-brigade>

Occasional mowing at the municipal yard site would help the appearance of this sight from the road.

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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 | 9 |
| Community anti-litter awareness programs | 10 | 9 |
| 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 | 14 |
| Visual appeal, and condition of municipal buildings and properties (including City Hall grounds), | 15 | 14 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions | 15 | 11 |
| Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots | 15 | 11 |
| Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers | 5 | 5 |
| Residential | | |
| Tidiness, order and cleanliness | 20 | 19 |
| 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 | 9 |
| Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community clean-up programs | 10 | 9 |
| Tidiness Total | 150.00 | 131.00 |

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:

Baldur can boast having the tidiest waste management facility in Manitoba; thanks to the strong leadership that Lucille provides on the site. She keeps the public aware of good stewardship and obviously has good community participation.

It is important for all communities in Manitoba to take an active role in environmental action, and Baldur residents are up to the task. They are actively recycling, many are utilizing compost bins in their yards, and also using rain barrels for collecting water. The water collection system that Mike and Arlene have developed sets a great example for others. His pristine lawn where he uses no herbicides is also a model that others could follow.

The bat house in Argyle Park shows an attempt to deal with mosquitoes in an environmentally sound way. Encourage the use of more bat houses throughout the community.

Recommendations:

There are many residences in Baldur that are composting. Continue to encourage composting and expand to all homes in the community.

It may be time to conduct another composting workshop. Green Action centre will provide community workshops for the cost of mileage. <http://greenactioncentre.ca/module/community-composting/> In addition, schools can try vermicomposting within their classrooms.

There are two Take Pride Winnipeg programs for the schools to participate in Bag Up Manitoba, where students collect plastic bags that get recycled, and used battery recycling with Take Pride and Call2Recycle. <https://www.takepride.mb.ca/programs/education/bag-up-manitoba>

It was good to see that the grocery store sells reusable bags; residents should always try to reduce their environmental footprint.

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| ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| | Max | Actual |
| Municipal | | |
| Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs | 20 | 18 |
| 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 | 16 |
| Water conservation and use-reduction programs such as or promotions, efficient irrigation, use of non-potable water, water restriction policies | 15 | 13 |
| 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 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (reduce, reuse and recycle), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management | 10 | 9 |
| Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (ex. environmental clean-up activities) | 10 | 9 |
| Residential | | |
| Participation in the 3-R (reduce, reuse and recycle) initiatives and composting | 10 | 9 |
| Adoption of water conservation practices such as rainwater collection and rain gardens | 15 | 13.5 |
| 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 | 9 |
| 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 | 150.00 | 128.50 |

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

The new paint on Grund Freisis Church looks wonderful, and with shingles ready to put on the roof, this heritage church is in great shape. The fund raising event with the Icelandic choir will be a memorable time and draw attention to this historic building.

The Museum has so many nicely displayed items and is testament to the pride in your community. Your commitment to maintain such a treasure is important. You are encouraged to keep seeking grants to help defray the costs involved.

The Fowler Block is another wonderful heritage example right on your main street. The preservation of this building, from the wood floors to the tin ceiling, is to be commended. With student achievement banners posted on the walls, one can only smile at the community pride. What other grocery store boasts about their students in this way?

The heritage sign at Veteran Park is a great reminder of the past of Baldur. It is wonderful that the sign is going to be repainted in the next few months giving it a fresh look.

We just unveiled a new mural in Winnipeg - Nellie McClung mural at 560 Sargent. The town name of Baldur is on the mural because of the work of women suffragettes from Baldur and Gimli. Check out www.themuralsowinnipeg.com to see the mural and be proud of your heritage.

Recommendations:

It is important to remember and celebrate your heritage through events throughout the year. Is there some place to incorporate, and make people aware of the meaning of the town name Baldur – a Norse god?

Use the initiative of Carol Dowd and her Huldufolk garden to spur some community fun and promote your Icelandic heritage. Have a “Huldufolk” garden competition. Residents of all ages could enjoy such a venture. You could have a whole Huldufolk village!

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| HERITAGE CONSERVATION | | |
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| <p>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.</p> | | |
| | Max | Actual |
| Municipal | | |
| Natural heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs | 10 | 7 |
| 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 | 13.5 |
| 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 | 13.5 |
| Cultural heritage polices, 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 |
| Cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs | 10 | 8 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Conservation, restoration and integration of natural heritage, including eco parks, conservation areas, heritage gardens, trees and landscapes. | 15 | 13.5 |
| Conservation, restoration and , reuse of heritage buildings and artefacts including their integration with the built/hard, streetscapes and green landscapes | 10 | 8 |
| Residential | | |
| Conservation / restoration and reuse of heritage buildings, artefacts on residential lands. | 10 | 8 |
| 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 | 8 |
| 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 |
| Heritage Conservation Total | 150.00 | 128.50 |

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

The trees in Baldur are generally healthy, safe and well maintained. There is good variety including native species which is important to maintaining tree cover in the event of a particular species succumbing to disease. Within only a few blocks poplar, linden, maple, apple, lilac, ash, elm, spruce, pine and birch were observed. How delightful! The birch plantings on Centennial were particularly pleasing to see.

There is evidence that residents are planting new trees both on older and newer developments. Some recent maintenance was evident throughout the community.

Devon, from Water Conservation told how high school students dug spruce trees from ditches to give away that would otherwise have been destroyed by roadside maintenance. What a wonderful initiative as well as a lesson for the students to carry on into their adult life.

Recommendations:

Continue to encourage the planting of more trees each year. Use grants to make them accessible to both the municipality and the general public. When requesting trees from Manitoba Hydro be sure to request that delivery be included in the package. By using the Manitoba Hydro Forest Enhancement program you also help to promote the town.

https://www.hydro.mb.ca/community/forest_enhancement/

Tree Canada is another good resource <https://treecanada.ca/en/programs/td-green-streets/>.

When making trees available to the public, be sure to include planting and maintenance instructions. Such instructions can be accessed on the MB Hydro site. Encourage the public to also advise of any tree problems so that they can be addressed quickly.

With new plantings such as the Gladiator flowering crab apples in Argyle Centennial Park encourage that a ring of sod be removed and replaced with bark mulch. This allows more water to penetrate the soil for the use of the trees and prevents damage from whipper snippers.

Perhaps a different tree planted around Veteran Park each year could become a tradition. Add clear labels including botanical names so that residents can become familiar with the varieties. It would be a wonderful area to add an educational element.

If an arborist is coming to town with a bucket truck, perhaps promote this so that others can take advantage by signing up for pruning tasks that are not manageable for the home owner. This benefits both the town and the home owner.

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| URBAN FORESTRY | | |
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| Urban Forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and residents with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, 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. | | |
| | Max | Actual |
| Municipal | | |
| Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest | 10 | 9 |
| Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands | 15 | 12 |
| Urban forestry plan and design, including integration with overall green infrastructure landscape plan, and measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots. | 20 | 17 |
| Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy and pollinator habitat tree species, recommended tree list and tree planting standards. | 10 | 8 |
| Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases | 10 | 7 |
| Public information programs: good planting techniques, best practices and maintenance programs | 15 | 12 |
| Maintenance best practices with proven results | 10 | 9 |
| Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs | 5 | 4 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees, on properties owned by business and institutions. | 15 | 12 |
| Maintenance programs, best practices with proven results: watering, pruning, IPM | 10 | 7.5 |
| Residential | | |
| Contribution to expanding overall tree inventory, with consideration of design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees on residential properties | 15 | 13 |
| Maintenance best practices with proven results | 10 | 8 |
| 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.) | 20 | 16.5 |
| 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 | 8 |
| Urban Forestry Total | 175.00 | 143.00 |

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LANDSCAPE

Observations:

The Gateway signs leading into Baldur are very inviting. Keep building on the inclusion of grain in the planting by making it a wider band of barley. It is wonderful to see the watering tank tucked behind the sign. How clever!

It is so good to hear of involvement by students in planting areas.

The residential gardens that the judges were privileged to tour were outstanding with such a nice assortment of vigorously growing and blooming plants.

As the plantings at Veteran Park mature, it has become a real eye catching area. Excellent!

Recommendations:

Grasses at Veteran Park are growing very nicely. Keep adding more varieties and be sure to place labels so the public can know what they might be seeking for their yards as well.

The base of the veteran sign begs for some poppies. An oriental poppy could put on a colourful show in spring followed by a couple of annual poppies for the summer. The annual would seed out for an easy, cost effective display for years to come. With the addition of the attractive crocus thank you sign, a few crocus plants at its base might be fitting as well.

Although the shingles under the implement in the park are working to stop the grass, a better solution might be a layer or two of cardboard with a good amount of bark mulch over top. If it is not practical to have prunings chipped locally, consider locating a truckload from a nearby location so that it could be used on some off the public beds around shrubs and perennials. This retains moisture while making weed removal easier.

Consider finding a way to make greater use of the sign for posting local happenings in Veteran Park.

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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 | | |
| First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments | 10 | 9 |
| 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 | 7.5 |
| 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 | 8 |
| Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality | 10 | 8 |
| 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 | 8 |
| Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs | 10 | 8 |
| Landscape maintained to appropriate standards, specifications and best practices. | 5 | 4 |
| Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs | 10 | 10 |
| 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 | 8.5 |
| 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 |
| Residential | | |
| Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed) | 15 | 13 |
| Maintenance of properties: lawn care, trees and shrub maintenance (with proven results) | 15 | 13 |
| Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, edible and pollinator friendly plants) | 10 | 9 |
| 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 | 18 |
| 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 | 18 |
| Landscape Total | 200.00 | 170.00 |

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FLORAL DISPLAYS

Observations:

Floral displays throughout Baldur are colourful and very attractive with good variety and vigour. Flowers suggest affluence and affluence attracts money. This in turn, helps to grow the economy. Well done!

The millet in the planters adds attractive height. The change to portulaca in the lower level of the planters was an effective solution to last year's struggling pansies. The planters and baskets are well maintained and so beautiful with their thematic colour.

Tremendous public participation throughout the community was observed with outstanding residential gardens. It is obvious that both the public and municipal workers take pride in their community.

Recommendations:

Keep encouraging the use of native plants. They are so easy to incorporate in mixed borders even if you don't want to have a full garden of native plants.

Try incorporating even more variety in your planters. Trailing foliage plants can help take up the slack if the petunias get stressed in late summer.

Consider planting some hardy taller perennials at the base of the Argyle Centennial Park sign instead of the high maintenance petunias. This might be the perfect spot to try out some native plants. By selecting a variety of blooming times you could have a lovely display throughout the summer. A good resource is Prairie Originals <http://prairieoriginals.com/>.

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| FLORAL DISPLAYS | | |
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| <p>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.</p> | | |
| | Max | Actual |
| Municipal | | |
| Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design | 15 | 13 |
| Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics | 20 | 17 |
| Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora, pollinator friendly plants | 10 | 8 |
| Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc. | 20 | 18.5 |
| Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or in place training programs | 10 | 9 |
| Business & Institutions | | |
| Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds | 15 | 12.5 |
| Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program | 10 | 9 |
| Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc. | 10 | 9 |
| Residential | | |
| Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties Pollinator gardens and/or inclusion of pollinator plants in gardens | 20 | 18.5 |
| Quality of planting and maintenance with proven results. | 15 | 13.5 |
| Community Involvement | | |
| Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.) | 15 | 14 |
| Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the municipality, businesses and institutions for community floral displays activities | 15 | 14 |
| Floral Displays Total | 175.00 | 156.00 |