



## **Home Hardware and Communities in Bloom Honour Environmentally Responsible Municipalities at Annual Award Ceremony**

Municipalities dedicated to the beautification of their communities were recognized during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Communities in Bloom National and International Awards Ceremonies held in Regina, Saskatchewan on October 29, 2016. As a proud national supporter of Communities in Bloom, Home Hardware Stores Limited sponsored three of the award categories and is pleased to recognize the following recipients:

**Trail, BC** received the **Home Hardware Community Involvement Award** which recognizes municipalities that establish cultural and natural heritage programs, participate in policy development on environmental issues and promote community, neighbourhood and individual programs and projects.

**Castlegar, BC** won the **Home Hardware Beauti-Tone Heritage Conservation Award** for its work to preserve natural heritage within the community.

**Lambton Shores, ON** was presented with the **Natura Tidiness Award** for its concentrated efforts to keep its parks, green spaces, streets and sidewalks litter-free.

Home Hardware Stores Limited is committed to helping cities and towns across the country enhance their neighbourhoods and has partnered with Communities in Bloom since 2002 to help the organization foster civic pride and promote environmental responsibility.

"Communities in Bloom's dedication to improving the environment in municipalities across Canada and around the world is one shared by all Home Hardware Dealer-Owners who proudly support this organization," says Terry Davis, CEO, Home Hardware Stores Limited. "On behalf of Dealer-Owners at close to 1,100 Home stores in Canada, I would like to congratulate the winning communities on this incredible achievement."

Awards were handed out to national and international municipalities in 25 categories during the 2016 Symposium and Awards in Regina.

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### **About Communities in Bloom**

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. The 2017 Symposium and Awards will be held in Ottawa-Gatineau, National Capital Region from September 13 – 16, 2017. For more information about the Communities in Bloom program, visit [www.communitiesinbloom.ca](http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca).

**About Home Hardware Stores Limited**

Home Hardware Stores Limited is Canada's largest independent home improvement retailer with close to 1,100 stores under the Home Hardware, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware Building Centre and Home Furniture banners with annual retail sales of over \$5.8 billion. The privately owned wholesale company was founded in 1964 in rural St. Jacobs, Ontario and remains 100% Canadian owned and operated. Through the Home Hardware network, Dealer-Owners have access to 100,000 quality, brand name and private label products, a state-of-the-art distribution system and extensive marketing and training programs. Offering a mix of tradition and innovation, Home Hardware Stores Limited has received designation as one of Canada's Best Corporate Cultures and Best Managed Companies and is committed to providing local communities with superior service and expert advice. More information about the company is available at [homehardware.ca](http://homehardware.ca).