



NOMINATION FORM
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM KINGSTON
2008 BILL ROBB VISIONARY AWARD
Nomination deadline: June 13, 2008



Launched in 2006, the Communities in Bloom Kingston - Bill Robb Visionary Award recognizes citizens of Kingston for their contributions to the community through municipal beautification and sense of civic pride.

Volunteer Award

The **Volunteer Award** will be presented to a citizen of Kingston, who embodies the spirit of volunteerism and has made a lasting and meaningful contribution through their volunteer activities.

Business Award

The **Business Award** will be presented to a local area business that has demonstrated a continued passion and promote the advancement of responsible business leadership and harmony within our community.

Mr. Bill Robb is the champion of the Barriefield Rock Garden and the Hansen Parking Garage Murals.

Envisioned by Robb as a “grand entrance” into the city, the Barriefield Rock Garden is like no other, combining breathtaking views of the lake, river, Fort and historic waterfront.

The rock garden has flourished through community support, from monetary gifts to donations of labour, plants and construction materials.

For Bill, the best reward is the pleasure people express in the rock garden.

“A number of people have said to me that when they get to the rock garden they feel like they’re home.”

Bill is an inspiration for a whole new generation of green thumbs.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED

- Eligible nominees must:
- Be living residents of Kingston who are actively involved in the community.
- Contribute significant time and service to municipal beautification.
- Have made a significant contribution to the community and demonstrate the spirit of community pride.
- Through their service, provide the community, peers and colleagues with a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of caring for our environment.

JUDGING

- The Communities in Bloom Kingston Steering Committee reviews nominations and selects the award recipients.
- All nominators and candidates will be notified in writing of the committees decisions.
- Awards will be presented in the summer of 2008.

CRITERIA

To be eligible all nominees must be involved in a project/program that meets one or more of the following criteria:

- **TIDINESS** - Tidiness of green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets, ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots and buildings. Community anti-litter awareness and support for community organizations in clean-up efforts. Operational programs for the prevention and removal of graffiti, involvement in block or individual street tidiness.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS** - Waste reduction, hazardous waste collection, sewage disposal, transfer/recycle stations, recycling initiatives, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), water conservation, environmental clean up activities and eco-friendly transportation. Alternate forms of energy (geothermal, biomass, wind, solar). Composting, e-waste collection, air quality programs, green buildings, green procurement policies.
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** - Citizen's involvement in various community projects, including horticulture and garden clubs, service groups, recreation and sports clubs, school children, teens, seniors, municipal workers and local businesses. Community outreach programs, fundraising initiatives, impact of efforts on the community, information and educational programs.
- **NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION** - Preservation and restoration of buildings, homes, churches, monuments, artifacts, sites, parks, heritage gardens, trees; preservation of traditions and customs; festivals/celebrations; heritage foods and the arts; museums and history, archives. Participation in municipal, provincial or federal programs. Walking tours.
- **TREE/URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT** - Distribution of trees, inventory, variety, suitability, new plantings, main street programs, preservation of heritage trees, commemorative trees, woodlots, succession planting, maintenance programs.
- **LANDSCAPED AREAS** - Supports the efforts to create an environment wherein plants form an essential element of the overall surroundings; design and suitability for location and use; native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; harmony; tasteful integration of hard surfaces and art elements, standards of maintenance. Energy efficient plants and xeriscaping. Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above and beyond requirements; public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains.
- **FLORAL DISPLAYS** - Arrangement of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses), originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, harmony, quality and maintenance. These pertain to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.
- **TURF AND GROUNDCOVERS** - Quality, naturalization, use of groundcovers and wild flowers, turf management (manicured to rough), maintenance (mowing height and frequency), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), fertilization programs, irrigation and water restrictions. Areas include, private homes, public buildings, municipal and private sports fields and athletic parks, golf courses.

SUBMITTING A NOMINATION

Nominators are to complete the nomination form and include a letter of reference and/or support from a community member, business or organization. Tell us about your nominee and what makes this person, community group, organization or business exceptional. Please be as thorough as possible as the information received will be the only information available to the judges.

Entries must be postmarked by midnight, June 13, 2008 and sent to:

Bill Robb Visionary Award
c/o Sue Hitchcock, Communities in Bloom Program Coordinator
City of Kingston
216 Ontario Street
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2Z3
Located at: 76 Ordnance Street

Phone: (613) 546-4291 x 1716
Fax: (613) 549-7171
E-mail: sueh@cityofkingston.ca

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1. NOMINEE

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Other (please specify)

Name of individual _____
(please ensure correct spelling)

Address: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (business) _____ Telephone (home) _____

Nomination for _____
(Volunteer Award, Business Award)

2. NOMINATOR

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Other (please specify)

Name of individual _____

Title and Organization (if applicable) _____

Address: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone (business) _____ Telephone (home) _____

3. MY REASON FOR MAKING THIS NOMINATION

(please attach any additional information)

4. REFERENCES

1. Name _____

Telephone (business) _____ Telephone (home) _____

2. Name _____

Telephone (business) _____ Telephone (home) _____

Deadline for Nominations - June 13, 2008

Note: All information received by the City of Kingston Culture and Recreation shall become the property of the Corporation of the City of Kingston.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION:

Personal information contained on this form is collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (and all other applicable privacy provincial and federal legislation). Such legislation is reviewed and applied for the collection, use, disclosure and destruction of the information. **Nominees must give their consent to being nominated and consent to the use of the personal information set out above.** The personal information entered on this form will be used to determine the recipients of the the Communities in Bloom Kingston - Bill Robb Visionary Award. The names of the final winners will be made public. to Questions regarding this collection should be directed to Sue Hitchcock, Culture and Recreation, c/o City Hall, 216 Ontario Street, Kingston, Ontario K7L 2Z3 or 613-546-4291 x 1716 e-mail: sueh@cityofkingston.ca