2026 Community Group of the Year – Davidson Communities in Bloom

This award is presented annually to a volunteer group or service club who has demonstrated commitment to our community and has made significant contributions over the past year.

Leadership, vision, community development and community investment were all considerations in selecting this year's recipient.

For many years, Communities in Bloom has been a steady, joyful force in Davidson, tending not only flowers but also cultivating connection, pride, and community spirit.

Having grown up in Davidson, it makes me especially proud to call it my hometown. I love hearing the compliments from visitors and folks passing through about how beautiful the community is. There is so much pride in what Davidson has become, and so much of that comes from the people who give their time, energy, and creativity to making it a great place to live, work, and visit.

Through the dedication of volunteers, Davidson has continued to grow and bloom in ways that bring people together. The 5 km Centennial Walking Trails, lined with trees, benches, and sculptures, are enjoyed by seniors' walking groups, runners, families, and even the library's storybook trails.

One of Davidson's most recognizable landmarks is "The Truck." Its seasonal displays have become a beloved community tradition, sparking memories, conversation, and connection. Volunteers have also transformed overlooked spaces into welcoming pocket parks featuring local sculptures, contributed to landscaping at the Davidson Swimming Pool, and brought colour to Railway Avenue with the iconic bubblegum planters.

Their work extends beyond flowers and beautification. From the Davidson Library's raised planters and community garden to vegetable drop boxes that provide fresh produce for residents, volunteers have created opportunities for gardening, learning, and sharing. Community mulch and clean-up days also encourage sustainable practices and bring residents together to care for the places they call home.

But perhaps the greatest impact of Communities in Bloom isn't found in a garden bed or measured in kilometres of trails. It's the community of volunteers that has grown along the way. The program has created a place where people want to be involved, where contributing feels meaningful, fun, and part of something bigger. Volunteers encourage one another, share ideas generously, and bring their energy and creativity to every project.

Through Prairie Central's Volunteer Recognition Program, which takes place twice a year, we are also pleased to recognize the people and groups who make such a difference in our communities. Each recognition comes with $1,000 to support community program or

initiatives. I'll be working alongside Guy and the Communities in Bloom committee to find a meaningful fit for this funding and an opportunity that will continue to make a difference in Davidson.

The legacy of Communities in Bloom is not only in the beauty created throughout Davidson, but in the people inspired by it. It's a community that continues to bloom because of the seeds planted, quite literally and figuratively, year after year.

Join us in congratulating the recipients of the Town of Davidson's 2026 Community Group of the Year and Prairie Central's Volunteer Recognition Award: Davidson Communities in Bloom!