

## **Volunteer Awards Program**

### **Volunteer Awards Criteria**

---

#### **6. Trillium Award**

For any individual, group or business whose horticultural, community beautification, civic pride, protection, conservation or enhancement of the environment efforts support the Communities in Bloom Program.

##### **Criteria:**

Nominees for this award must involve a property within Minden Hills. The Nominees will be evaluated by the Awards Selection Committee on the following criteria by means of assessing the nominated property from the nearest public roadway (backyards excluded). A nomination should include the address of the property location, a photo with date taken and be accompanied by brief description with the nomination form to be submitted.

- Tidiness  
Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort by the resident, group or business within the community. Elements for evaluation are green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks fronting 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.
- Environmental Action  
Environmental action pertains to the impact of human activities on the environment and the subsequent efforts and achievements of the resident, group or business with respect to: waste reduction and landfill diversion, composting, water conservation, energy conservation, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.
- Heritage Conservation  
Heritage conservation includes efforts to preserve natural and cultural heritage within the community. Preservation of natural heritage pertains to 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, and intangible elements such as traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations. The participation of groups such as historical societies and conservation groups are considered.
- Urban Forestry  
Urban Forestry includes the efforts of property owners to manage their trees (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, including pollinator

friendly tree selection, tree inventory, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and native species that promote heritage.

- Landscape

Landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of 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 the intended property use. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers along with turf management.

- Floral Displays

Floral displays evaluates efforts of the residents, groups or businesses 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.

**Eligibility:**

- Your property may be nominated by yourself or someone else.
- Can be any residential or commercial property within Minden Hills.
- Please keep in mind, that if you are nominating someone's property, to please notify them to ensure they want to participate.

## General Nomination Process

---

The following applies to all of the above awards:

- Nominations can be made by any resident(s) of Minden Hills or Haliburton County.
- Nominations can be made by any recognized group. Examples are (but are not limited to) school or church groups, service clubs, youth groups, recreational organizations, volunteer committees of Council, cottage associations, and community service organizations.
- Nominations should include a summary of the organization(s), if any, of which the Nominee has been or is a member of as well as the duration of that service.
- Nominations should include an outline of the Nominee's contribution(s) to the Township of Minden Hills as a whole, and/or to one or more of the smaller communities in the Township (including but not limited to the Village of Minden, Ingoldsby, Irondale, Gelert, Lochlin, Moore Falls, Miners Bay, and Carnarvon).
- Nominations must be submitted on the designated Nomination Form. Submissions become the property of the Township of Minden Hills.
- Nomination forms must be received by the deadline specified and must be signed by a minimum of two (2) persons 18+ years of age.
- For online nomination submissions, a valid email address for a minimum of one (1) of the nominators must be included in place of a signature.
- The nominees should not be made aware of their nomination (except for the Trillium Award).
- Members of Council are not eligible for nomination during their term(s) of office.
- Employees of the Township of Minden Hills are not eligible for nomination during their tenure as employees of the Township.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Community Development Coordinator at [eweiss@minden hills.ca](mailto:eweiss@minden hills.ca)