CITY OF COLD LAKE IN BLOOM
Communities in Bloom (CIB) is a multi-level beautification and enhancement organization that operates at municipal, provincial, national, and international levels. Communities can earn “blooms” by developing best practices in various areas of civic pride: horticulture, heritage, cleanliness, community gardens and forests, as well as special projects. The local CIB is run by a committee of volunteers who act as an advisor to the local government to ensure the community reaches its best potential.

For example, CIB may organize municipal clean-ups, help with or run the community garden, or take care of the community forests and recreation areas, with help of the municipality.

CIB is not just flowers. CIB looks at a community as a whole: is it welcoming, clean and tidy, does it have heritage and culture, recreation facilities, and what may be lacking.

We take great pride in our blooming community!
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The beauty of Cold Lake has drawn people to the area since before Alberta became a province. The community of choice for many workers in the nearby oil patch, the City of Cold Lake is also the proud home of 4 Wing, one of Canada’s busiest fighter bases.

Cold Lake is a young, vibrant community, with almost 60 per cent of the population under the age of 35. Cold Lake is the proud home of many people, with a population of about 15,000.

The diversity of the economy can be attributed to the continued growth in the region, even when things are slowing down in other areas. Located in the Cold Lake Oil Sands Region, the city resides in the second largest oil sands deposit in Alberta. Balanced with a variety of service-based businesses, tourism, and National Defense, Cold Lake has deep roots and a rich history in the oil and gas industry.

The city and the surrounding area boast beautiful natural settings, complimented by state-of-the-art recreation and sport facilities, urban and rural trail systems, a provincial park and pristine lakes. Cold Lake itself is well known for its world-class sport fishery, pristine water and surrounding habitats which draw hundreds of bird species and an abundance of wildlife to its shores.

Covering over 373 square kilometres, Cold Lake has the seventh largest lake in Alberta. The lake’s depths reach up to 100 metres in spots, a factor which contributes to the diversity of fish that can be found in the lake.

The Cold Lake Marina features over 250 berths for boats, boat launch, and a breakwater and boardwalk for pedestrians to enjoy. Several local restaurants and shops are within walking distance of the marina parking lot, giving visitors an easy place to start their adventures.

A hot spot of activity in the summer months, Kinosoo Beach is an award-winning project that attracts locals and visitors alike.

Named “Project of the Year” by the Alberta Public Works Association in the $1 million to $5 million category, the planning and layout of the beach enhancements have made the area a true sight to behold.

Whether you enjoy the convenience and amenities of Kinosoo Beach in the heart of Cold Lake, exploring miles of pristine shoreline, or trekking through the provincial park, Cold Lake is sure to provide you with the means to make memories that last.
We’re located three hours northeast of Edmonton and 20 minutes west of the Saskatchewan border.

Several roads link to Cold Lake, making the city easily accessible via Provincial Highway 28 from Edmonton and 897 North from Lloydfminster.
I would like to take this time to welcome all those considering a visit to our community for the Communities in Bloom national competition.

The City of Cold Lake prides itself as a natural gem, and our council puts great care into ensuring our residents and visitors see the natural beauty of northeast Alberta as our city grows and develops.

We also ensure that our community blossoms with colour every spring through our Parks and Recreation Department. While you are here, I encourage you to take note of the great care and meticulous detail that our staff have put into the garden beds and hanging baskets across the city. These staff members take great pride in their work, and it shows with the planting of each flower. We could not ask for more dedicated workers.

As well, our community gardens are popular with local residents who may not have access to yard space to grow their own plants. To help ensure our city stays tidy, our Public Works staff carry out multiple street sweeping runs between spring and late summer, to pick up the sand from the winter prior. We also host an annual clean-up the community day and a “toxic round-up” event as part of our award-winning National Public Works Week celebrations.

Recently, residents have been spotting bright and colourfully painted rocks around the city. This is a community-driven initiative called “Cold Lake Rocks” where children, adults, and seniors have been painting rocks with beautiful images and inspiring quotes, and hiding them in various areas. If you happen to spot one of these rocks, feel free to take it home with you, or to re-hide it elsewhere in the city. It is inspiring to see local residents taking pride in the community to begin their own initiatives such as this.

I hope that, in your time here, you have the opportunity to discover what our community and the surrounding region has to offer. I trust that all of our visitors have found a warm welcome and that your time spent in our city will be memorable.

Regards,
Craig Copeland,
Mayor, City of Cold Lake
Tidiness

We take pride in keeping our city tidy

Cold Lake takes great pride in the tidiness and beauty of its community. The area is maintained through a combined effort from the municipality, businesses, institutions, community involvement, and residents.

A commitment to an esthetically pleasing community is supported by the Regulate Community Standards bylaw #538-PL-14, and the Regulate Activities and Behavior in Parks and Public Facilities, as amended bylaw #539-PL-14, which assist in regulating residential, municipal, and public properties.

Every spring, a large-scale clean-up is conducted throughout the city, including ball diamonds and dugouts, skate park, splash parks, playgrounds, Kinosoo Beach, and along major roadways.

In the spring, schools in Cold Lake have annual clean-up programs, as well as the clean-up day hosted by the city as part of its award-winning National Public Works Week celebrations.

The street sweeping program puts out a city-wide route map with sweeping dates to ensures coordination between the city and residents. This allows residents time to prepare by giving ample notice to move vehicles, allowing for a better sweep. This map is developed to align with the waste and organics pick-up schedule, as not to overlap the same routes on the same days. This level of service ensures boulevards and meridians are swept and washed each spring from winter debris. After the priority sweep is complete in the spring, a second and third sweep are scheduled later in the summer to help ensure no sand was left behind.

Both residents and city employees keep an eye out for vandalism and graffiti, and report any findings. Any acts of graffiti are cleaned up very quickly. For areas that are susceptible to graffiti, local artists have been asked to take up their brushes and rollers to create beautiful murals.

Murals are a great display of local talent in areas around the city. Communities in Bloom works closely with the city and the Cold Lake Visual Arts Society to restore, preserve, and contribute to these art displays.

Designated walking and bike paths have a priority to be cleared as soon as possible in conjunction with the Priority 1 streets, as per the city’s snow removal plans.

The city’s pride and joy of trails is the Millennium Trail, which boasts 11 km of paved pathway from the Cold Lake Marina, south toward the downtown core, before heading west towards 4 Wing Cold Lake. Completely paved and cleared year round, the trail offers an excellent way to enjoy the outdoors for runners, walkers, and cyclists.
Cold Lake may be considered a fairly transient community, given the coming and goings of military personnel and the oil and gas industry. However, despite the ebb and flow of residents to the area, the visual arts have remained strong, contributing many murals to all parts of the city. The Cold Lake Visual Arts Society, established in 1998, has painted dozens of murals in the community since its conception. Some murals date back even further, before members of the society got together in an official capacity. For over 20 years, the Visual Arts Society has contributed to beautifying back alleys, building sides, and covering up graffiti as required. Though a little more quiet in recent years, this year the society has a large amount of new members, and planning has begun to paint a new mural on the side wall of one of the businesses in Cold Lake North.

There are many benefits to having an active art group in the community, such as the focus on mural painting. Murals are an effective anti-graffiti strategy, as graffiti artists rarely deface another artist’s worth. Developing murals on “at risk” locations helps to keep the community graffiti-free.
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
The City of Cold Lake offers a curbside recycling program. On alternating weeks, residents are able to have their organic yard waste picked up at the curb, and on the other weeks, regular blue box pick-up for cardboard, plastic, paper, and tin cans. Items with a deposit can be dropped off in town for residents to receive their return. The organics pick-up is brought to the Cold Lake Regional Transfer Station, where it is turned into compost for residents to use in the following years.

HANDLING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE
The city collects household hazardous materials at the Cold Lake Regional Transfer Station, where it is separated into various categories and shipped offsite for further recycling. Once a year, residents can bring their hazardous waste to the Public Works Shop during National Public Works Week, where staff are on hand to help unload and sort the items before they are also sent offsite for recycling. This annual event is advertised and well-attended by community members.

COMPOSTING PROGRAMS AND REUSE OF COMPOST MATERIAL
The city collects organics, such as leaf and yard waste, from curbside on alternating weeks between the spring and autumn. Using windrow composting, the city turns yard waste materials into compost product. This finished compost is then offered to residents, at no cost, for use in their yards or garden. For the last two years, the compost product has been rated Category A, and could be used in agricultural lands and horticultural operations. The city’s Parks and Recreation Department also uses the compost for the turf fields, flower beds, and community garden.

1263 tonnes of composted materials was received at the landfill in 2018 including curbside pickup which yielded Grade A compost.
Kinosoo Beach stylish recycling solution
Every year, the City of Cold Lake strives to make National Public Works Week (NPWW) bigger and better. As the number of participants continues to grow, the number of citizens who are exposed to the value of Public works grows. It is the city’s goal to educate and energize the general public about the value and contribution Public Works professionals make to everyday life.

**PUBLIC OUTREACH**

To celebrate NPWW 2019, the City of Cold Lake engaged the entire community by offering a variety of events:

- Colouring Contest
- Raise the Flag (Kick-off event)
- 4 Wing Wastewater Treatment Facility Open House
- Public Works Open House
- Food Drive
- Community Clean-up
- Toxic Roundup

Invitations to attend this event were sent to schools, community groups, city staff, Mayor and Council and other local dignitaries via mail and email.

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

The 6th Annual NPWW Community Clean-Up hosted approximately 65 participants, including Communities in Bloom.

Participation was up over 50 per cent from 2018 and so were the results, with 560kg of litter collected throughout the community.

**TOXIC ROUND-UP**

In addition to collecting household hazardous waste, paint and electronics year round at the Waste Management Facility, the City of Cold Lake hosts an annual Toxic Round-up as a part of NPWW.

This year, the City of Cold Lake and DBS Environmental staff hosted approximately 200 participants with the following being collected:

- 125 kg electronics
- paint
- 240 aerosols paint cans
- 2,400 litres of paint related material
- Household hazardous waste
- 780 litres of hazardous liquids
- 107 kg of hazardous solids
- 57 kg of light bulbs
- Fourteen 20lb propane tanks
- 43 kg of dry batteries
- 700 litres used oil
CITY OF COLD LAKE HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING AWARDS:

• 2016 CPWA - National Public Works Week Small Centre Award
• 2016 APWA - National Public Works Week Project Of The Year Award
• 2017 CPWA - National Public Works Week Small Centre Award
• 2017 APWA - National Public Works Week Project Of The Year Award
• 2018 APWA - National Public Works Week Project Of The Year Award
Local businesses have taken a proactive approach to recycling environmental materials to the best of their abilities.

Some grocery stores donate produce to the local food bank, and one of the local flower shops recycles nearly all of their waste, only producing one bag of trash a month, along with four bags of compost per month.

Residential participation is largely based around the city’s municipal composting program, which is picked up on alternating weeks between the spring and fall. Yard waste is placed into paper bags, and there is no limit to the number of bags a resident can place on the curb. This waste is then brought to the Cold Lake Regional Transfer Station, where it is turned into fertilizer for residents to collect in the following springs, free of charge.

Many residents also have household rain barrels and compost bins in their yards, which take care of personal gardens and kitchen scraps. Hunting and fishing for food is a popular hobby for locals as well, which relieves some strain on the supply line.

The community comes together once a year during the City-Wide Sale; a city initiative in which residents are encouraged to hold a yard or garage sale on the same weekend from their own residence.

This initiative brings in many would-be treasure hunters from outside areas, and has been a great way for residents to reuse or recycle their unwanted items. After the weekend is over, residents flood any of the three thrift stores in town with their leftover items, where they are picked up throughout the next few months by shoppers.
It’s time!
The electronics, paint and household hazardous waste roundup is on!
Saturday, May 25

Are unwanted computers, printers, TVs, leftover paint and containers, and household hazardous waste taking up room in your house?
Bring them to:

North Public Works Shop
1515 - 16 Street I 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
City staff will be on hand to help the public
Recycling and organic waste are collected bi-weekly on alternating weeks. Materials are to be placed out the same day as regular garbage collection. Recycling is collected year round, while organic waste is collected from April 1 until November 15. The City of Cold Lake is divided into two zones for recycling and organics collection.

Clear or transparent blue bags are to be used for curbside collection of the following materials: aluminum cans, beverage containers (cans, bottles, milk and juice jugs/cartons and boxes), clean aluminum foil and plates, plastic bottles and containers used for beverages, cleaners, windshield washer fluid and other household liquids, plastic tubs and lids for yogurt, margarine, sour cream, cottage cheese and ice cream, plastic bags including grocery, retail store carry out, bread, produce, dry cleaning bags, rinsed milk bags. Glass is not accepted.

Separate grocery bags are to be used for curbside collection of the following materials: clean/dry paper, cards, catalogues, envelopes, flyers, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, non-foil gift wrap, paper egg cartons and drink trays, paperback books, phone book. There is no limit to the amount of recycling collected bi-weekly at the curb.

The following cardboard items must be flattened, bundled & securely tied with string in armload size bundles approximately 2 ft x 3 ft x 8 in: appliance boxes, pizza boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, cracker/cookie boxes, paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, detergent boxes.

Beverage containers can be returned directly to the Cold Lake Bottle Depot for a refund.

The Cold Lake Regional Transfer Station collects waste materials that are not collected at the curb, and it is a part of the Beaver River Regional Waste Management Commission. Items include: furniture, box springs and mattresses, sofas, stoves, fridges and air conditioners, tires, commercial waste, construction and demolition materials (i.e. concrete, asphalt, wood, shingles, and roofing), oil (automotive, containers & filters), batteries, metal, paint and stain, household hazardous waste.

The City of Cold Lake’s Transfer Station has enhanced its services and now accepts “Electronic Waste”. Items include: TVs and monitors, computers (CPUs) and servers, laptops, notebooks, tablet computers, printers, copiers, scanners, and faxes.
IT STARTS HERE
NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 19 - 25, 2019
COMMUNITY Clean up
MAY 25 SATURDAY
In recognition of National Public Works Week, you are invited to take part in our annual spring clean up. Volunteers are encouraged to clean up an area of their choice at a time most convenient for them. Garbage bags, gloves and pick up provided upon request.

For more information, contact: the Public Works Shop Ph: (780) 594-4496
The history of the Cold Lake area can be traced back to 1821, when the Hudson’s Bay Company established the Beaver Crossing trading post on the shores of the Beaver River.

This trading post was part of a network used to transport furs from Lac La Biche to the east, serving an important role in the country’s early fur trade industry. However, it was not until 1905 that the first British, Swedish, Norwegian, Swiss, and French-speaking homesteaders arrived and settled the area.

While some families settled close to Beaver River, many homesteaders decided to settle closer to the lake as livelihoods were based on farming, ranching, trapping, fishing and logging. In order to meet these needs, two separate small settlements evolved: Beaver Crossing and Cold Lake, which are now known as Cold Lake South and Cold Lake North respectively.

The subsequent years saw the beginnings of a community as a schoolhouse, missionary hospital and a general store (now Clark’s General Store) were created. By the mid 1920’s, the population of Cold Lake was estimated at 50 people.

With the creation of the Air Force Base in 1954, the Towns of Cold Lake and Grand Centre emerged as two separate municipalities with diverse economic interests.

The chosen location for the air base near Grand Centre was based on factors such as low population density, accessibility, weather, suitable terrain, and available land for air weapons training. As such, Grand Centre became more of a regional centre with close ties to 4 Wing.

Comparatively, the Town of Cold Lake’s economy focused more on tourism as a result of its proximity to the lake. Due to their close proximity, economic influences often overlapped. This relationship has shaped the development patterns of the area, and in 1996, the three communities were amalgamated as the Town of Cold Lake. In 2000, the Town became the City of Cold Lake.
Accessible from the Millennium Trail, Imperial Park is a 120-hectare parcel of land that is home to six soccer fields, a rugby field, eight ball diamonds, a skate park, a community garden, the Cold Lake Energy Centre, artificial turf field, and grandstand.

The park's irrigated fields ensure that sports teams at all levels can make the most of their season, while the new skate park was designed with skateboards, BMX bikes, and scooters in mind, offering riders of all skill levels the chance to test their abilities.

Of the eight ball diamonds, four are marked for slo-pitch, and four are marked for youth baseball, giving people of all ages a chance to get out and swing a bat. Local groups can be found on the mound all summer long.

Cold Lake is home to several soccer leagues, a baseball league, and rugby teams. In 2019 the community opened a new artificial turf field that will allow sports teams to make the most of their season. You can always check the status of outdoors fields at www.coldlake.com.

Cold Lake's Millennium Trail is an 11-kilometre trail running from one end of the city to the other. Completely paved and cleared year-round, the trail offers an excellent way to get some exercise and enjoy the great outdoors. It is commonly used by runners, cyclists, dog-walkers, and for community walks. Special needs vehicles like wheelchairs and scooters are the only motorized vehicles allowed on this accessible trail.

The Millennium Trail connects with Heritage Trail in Cold Lake North, running alongside the lakeshore between the Cold Lake Marina and Kinosoo Beach. This adds another two kilometres onto the Millennium Trail, and offers a scenic walk in and of itself. With ample parking at the Marina, it is a great place to start out on your own urban adventure.
The Iron Horse Trail was built on a former railway easement, and is the longest continuous recreational trail in Alberta.

In 1999, people from across the Lakeland came together to preserve this historic route, which originally served as a vital rail link for the growth of settler populations and rural economic growth. Along the trail, you can find historic train stations that are still standing, and take a step back in time.

This semi-wilderness, full-history trail is ready to be enjoyed any season of the year, and by a variety of travel methods. The trail is open to quads, mountain bikes, horses, horse-drawn wagons, snowmobiles, cross-country skis, and hikers.

The trail branches out into several staging areas, with Cold Lake sitting at the end of the Northeast Branch. Various rest stops can be found throughout the trail system, giving explorers plenty of opportunity to stop and take in historic sights and breathtaking wilderness. Plan to start or end your journey in the City of Cold Lake, and you will definitely come across the trestle bridge just to the south of the city. Though this bridge was recently rebuilt after a fire in 2012, it remains an important part of the trail’s history.
**COLD LAKE AIR FORCE MUSEUM**

From 1954 to 1992, 42 Radar Squadron operated from the large radar facility atop the aptly named “Radar Hill.” Today, the facility is home to the Cold Lake Museums. The first museum of the group is the Cold Lake Air Force Museum. Pulling into the yard, visitors receive their first glimpse of aircraft and military trucks in an outdoor display. The entrance to the museum brings one into the Air Force Exhibit. Therein, details are revealed about 4 Wing’s operating and support units, including the flying squadrons and the base hospital that now exists only in history.

**ABORIGINAL GALLERY**

Long before Europeans came to the Cold Lake area, First Nations peoples inhabited the shores and woodlands of the Lakeland region. The Dene Suline and Cree Nations made use of the resources of the lake and surrounding areas. Artifacts are part of a storyline depicting this history, as well as the Métis people, displayed in the museum. This gallery was assembled with the joint efforts of the Cold Lake Friendship Centre and the Cold Lake Museums.

**HERITAGE GALLERY**

Cold Lake is currently an area known for oil exploration and developments, as well as being home to one of the busiest military bases in Canada. However, the modern history of Cold Lake goes back to the 18th century with the arrival of the first Europeans. Historical industries included fur trapping, logging, fishing and farming. The Heritage Gallery contains the artifacts and storyline of the bygone era, as well as the civilian history of the last century.

**OIL AND GAS GALLERY**

Originally designed, researched and constructed by high school students, you can visit the Oil and Gas Interpretive Gallery to discover the significant developments of the oil sands industry in the Cold Lake area. Learn about the history, geology, production, transportation and various uses for Cold Lake oil. The history of the oil patch stretches from Paleolithic times to the present!

With the assistance of interactive exhibits, visitors can understand why unique technology was developed specifically for the Cold Lake Oil Sands.

Test your knowledge of the oil industry with a trip to the Cold Lake Museum’s Oil and Gas Gallery.
Located atop “Radar Hill” the Cold Lake Museum Group resides in the former 42 Radar installation, a relic from the Cold War.

The Cold Lake Museums are multi-themed displays located at the old site of 42 Radar Squadron. Separate buildings, connected by a covered walkway, house an Air Force Museum, Aboriginal Gallery, Heritage Gallery, and Oil and Gas Gallery. The museum first opened its doors on July 1, 1998, and is open from the May long weekend until Labour Day weekend each year.
One of Cold Lakes cultural roots is the 4 Wing air force base. At the beginning of veterans drive in Cold Lake’s urban core, there is tribute to 4 Wing affiliates in Joe Heffner Park where two military aircraft have been mounted on display. The park also has a secondary monument with garden displays containing annual flowers.
The totem poles were created by former Cold Lake First Nations chief Ovide Jacko in 1967 to mark the country’s centennial and as a unifying symbol between Cold Lake First Nations and the old town of Cold Lake. The City of Cold has created a garden at the base to accentuate the importance of this cultural monument.
**STRAATEGIC PLANS**

The City of Cold Lake currently has a number of bylaws and regulations in place to protect and preserve city-owned trees. There are also a number of standards and guidelines in place to ensure best practices are met when landscaping contractors are hired. The city’s arborist is committed to ensuring the approved planting list is kept up-to-date with a focus on hardy, diverse, and pollinator-friendly species being recommended.

**STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS**

*City of Cold Lake Landscaping Standards*
- Site preparation
- Seeding
- Tree and shrub planting

**BYLAWS CURRENTLY IN PLACE**

*Protect, Preserve and Retain Trees in Public Spaces #222-PL-05*
- Includes offenses, violations, and penalties

*Land Use Bylaw #382-LU-10 Section 9*
- Landscaping guidelines and requirements
- Regulated and approved planting lists
- Natural state preservation regulations
- Health standards for nursery stock to be planted

*Regulate Community Standards Bylaw #538-PL-14 Section 5.6*
- Reasonable care be given to trees/shrubs on property
COMMUNITY FOREST

The intended purpose of Community Forest was one that focused on sustainability and reutilization within the city. Many fruit bearing, cold hardy species were planted including Saskatoon, cherry, plum, and crabapple. There were also a number of seedlings planted with intent to transplant into areas throughout the city. These include birch, elm, oak, willow, spruce and pine. After a number of years of neglect, the city, with the help of Cold Lake Communities in Bloom volunteers, is now committed to bringing the original vision of the Community Forest back to life.

Short-term plans and efforts
- Pruning and removals to address areas of overgrowth and overcrowding.
- Monitoring and maintenance schedules including annual inspections.
- Transplantation of healthy, size-appropriate stock to other areas of the city, including green-space areas, parks and playgrounds, and city-owned facilities.
- Addition of a pollinator-friendly perennial garden.

Long-term plans and goals
- More additions with a strong focus on sustainability, permaculture and pollinator-friendly species.
- Focusing on community connection and education through educational programs for the public.
**CITY-OWNED TREE INVENTORY**

The city arborist is currently working with the Engineering department on a GIS mapping and cataloging program that will:

- Log tree inventory throughout the entire city
- Track age, health, size, damage, and maintenance requirements
- Log monetary value of each city-owned tree
- Map empty greenspace areas for future planting locations

**PLAN OF ACTION**

- Recommended planting list encourages disease resistant, pollinator friendly, and native species. Tree planting standards outlined within City of Cold Lake Landscaping Standards Section 12.
- New stock to be bought locally to ensure hardiness and vitality for our area.
- Diversity encouraged to balance out past single species planting choices. Inventory to catalogue each family, genus, and species within the area to ensure future planting choices do not continue monoculture trends.

**IPM**

Inspection and monitoring schedules in place for all city-owned trees. IPM program focusing on cultural, mechanical and biological (if practical), control measures while using chemical measures as a last resort.

**Current infestations:**

- Forest Tent Caterpillars - currently in the 5th year of their cycle. Increase in black fly population noted summer of 2018. Number of moths and egg masses notably declined from previous year. Further monitoring required to confirm downward trend of their cycle. Information and ornamental strategies have been provided to the public via the city's Facebook page, press releases, and an article in the local newspaper.

**Current diseases:**

- Black Knot - ongoing issue within the city. Upon opening operations for the Waste Management noxious weed and tree disease burn bin, public awareness has become a priority. Information, treatment and disposal strategies have been provided to the public via the city's Facebook page, press releases, and in an article in the local newspaper.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAMS**

The City of Cold Lake has taken an active role with the help of the marketing department and the local newspaper, The Cold Lake Sun, in providing public information on proper arboriculture practices. Information focuses on things such as:

- Proper pruning and planting techniques
- After planting care and maintenance
- Disease prevention, identification and treatment
- Species specific maintenance schedules (for example - Elm pruning dates)
MAINTENANCE QUALITY

Annual maintenance of all city owned trees is conducted, documented, and monitored. Maintenance practices include:

• Spring and fall fertilization of all newly planted trees (3-5 years) as well as installation of tree-watering bag systems.

• Annual inspections conducted on all city-owned trees within parks, playgrounds, greenspaces, and city-owned facilities.

• Recommended action items on all noted city-owned trees based on health, age, structural stability, presence of disease, and other criteria are recorded and prioritized.

• Maintenance practices focus on health, safety and aesthetics.

QUALIFIED RESOURCES

The City of Cold Lake is dedicated to continuing the knowledge and professionalism of all staff and contractors within the area of arboriculture.

City of Cold Lake Arborist

• Certificate from Old’s College in Arboriculture and Landscape.

• ISA Certified.

• Two summer students provided each season to assist.

• Continued education/training is provided to ensure accumulation of ISA CEU’s is achieved.

• Annual training allowances ensuring an up to date working knowledge in best practices is achieved including annual attendance of Arboriculture Canada courses.

All contractors used have displayed a working knowledge of best practices within the field of arboriculture and work closely with the city arborist to ensure a high standard of work is achieved when landscaping and planting throughout the city.
**URBAN FORESTRY**  
*B(Business and Institutions)*

**E-TREE, THE TREE FARM**
Local tree nursery, E-Tree, The Tree Farm, is a major provider of locally grown trees within Cold Lake and surrounding areas. E-Tree has been in operation since 1988 and provides healthy, viable, and location-hardy stock for residential, business, institutional, and municipal needs. Their extremely knowledgeable staff is very involved with their clients in recommendations involving best planting and maintenance strategies for a wide range of species. They offer a variety of services including installation and maintenance, composting and mulching, and landscape grading and shaping. Working with local residents and businesses, their stock quality and best planting practices can be seen throughout the community.

**ACHIEVING EDEN**
Chris Vandenborn from local tree and landscaping business Achieving Eden has taken an active role in public outreach and education. He is dedicated to not only providing best practices within arboriculture and landscaping services to residential and businesses within the area, but also works closely with the Cold Lake Communities in Bloom Committee to provide free pruning courses for the public. Chris has also taken an active role in creating disease awareness amongst the residential community of Cold Lake.

**TD CANADA TRUST**
With a national platform that focuses on tree planting funding for communities throughout North America, the local TD branch plays an active role in environmental sustainability within Cold Lake. They work together with local tree nursery E-Tree, The Tree Farm to provide businesses and institutions with locally grown, viable and hardy species in an effort to further environmental conservation and beautification. The local Cold Lake branch also takes a hands on approach, volunteering their time and rolling up their sleeves to assist in the planting process. To date, they have worked with multiple schools and organizations including Northstar Elementary School, Cold Lake Elementary School, Cold Lake Middle School, and Red Fox Estates.
TREE INVENTORY AND MAINTENANCE QUALITY
With the help of municipal staff and local tree businesses providing information, the residents of Cold Lake are displaying an increase in knowledge and dedication to ensuring a healthy, hardy, and diverse selection of trees can be seen throughout the community. Through continuing education, residents are being provided with the knowledge and skillsets to ensure best practices for both planting and maintenance will continue to grow.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Public Works Open House
A booth dedicated to arboriculture is set up during the annual National Public Works Open House, which provides local schools and residents with free seedlings, information and recommendations for planting and care. Seedlings are provided by E-Tree, The Tree Farm.

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM & ACHIEVING EDEN
Free to the public pruning courses are held at the community forest to provide people with not only information of best practices but also hands on experience under the direction of local arborists. Pruning instructions, equipment and man power is provided by the City of Cold Lake and Achieving Eden.
One of Cold Lake’s most iconic monuments is seen as soon as visitors enter into the city on Highway 28. This special entrance feature was rebuilt in 2015, and features two sailboats with huge sails that can be seen from both directions. The sails showcase artistic designs for all four seasons, and are surrounded by large, circular mulched beds. These beds feature irrigation, and waves of bee-loving perennials, flowing grasses.
Landscape

Taking planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces to the next level

CITY NUMBERS

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CITY-WIDE RECREATION BY NUMBERS

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NATURALIZED AREAS

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The City of Cold Lake boasts hundreds of flower gardens, planters, and hanging baskets every year, thanks to its greenspace crews. Most rest areas along the Millennium Trail and the majority of perennial beds throughout the city feature cedar mulch ground cover to help prevent weeds and retain moisture in the bed.

Newly developed areas in Cold Lake showcase in-ground irrigation. These efforts are made to keep excess water use to a minimum while helping staff with maintenance. Locations include Kinosoo Beach, the Energy Centre Artificial Turf Field, entry features, and all sports fields located at Imperial Park, including four large soccer fields, one rugby field, four slow pitch diamonds, and four baseball diamonds.
A new project is underway to revamp the downtown business district. As well as new banners downtown, a new entryway feature is under construction this summer. The design will include stonework, a trellis, and benches on the south side, where a plaque will recognize the Old Town of Grand Centre. On the opposite side, there will be more lighting and stonework.
Linking 4 Wing Cold Lake, Cold Lake South and Cold Lake North, the Millennium Trail is a paved, multi-purpose trail that can be used year-round. The trail is ideal for cycling, jogging, roller blading, hiking, walking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and more. Originally the trail along with Heritage Drive (along Marina Drive) was around 12km long. To this date more trails are gradually being introduced into new areas, some newer additions include:

- 16 Ave Connectivity  
  (1,225 lineal metres added in 2017)
- Palm Creek
- Fontaine Village
- Tri-City Area
- Meadow Way
- Repairs on section along Highway 28 between Imperial Park and Tri-City Mall access to alleviate spring flooding issues. (Summer 2018)
Cold Lake’s vision has always been one of unity. Since amalgamating in 1996, this theme has been a priority in all aspects of the community, and featured in civic designs. Colourful banners can be easily seen when driving through the city. The designs feature important pieces of history, such as founding families, air force jets, totem poles, pump jacks, and the record-holding lake trout fish for Alberta. These are all aspects that have shaped Cold Lake to make it the city it is today.
The Iron Horse Trail is a privately owned and maintained trail with 3km in the City of Cold Lake, and expands 30km across Alberta. This trail welcomes everyone from hikers, cyclists, cross-country skiers, off highway vehicles, and horse-drawn wagons.
Kinosoo Beach

Named one of Canada’s top 25 beaches by Canadian Geographic Magazine

Kinosoo Beach contains many plantings of woody shrubs and trees. Among them is a rain planting that is a catch basin for the rainwater runoff. This planning contains water-loving plants that thrive in standing water conditions. Although all the phases of this beach are not yet complete, the city has gone the extra step to creating green initiatives, such as LED street posts and recycling with the litter receptacles. The phases to come will surely be held to the same standards.
Over 280 LED seasonal lights are placed along Highway 28 light posts and down main street each fall by the Parks department. LED String lights are installed in trees at City Hall, Marina, Energy Centre and downtown.

Eight Energy Centre planters are decorated in December with miniature lit Christmas trees.
In conjunction with the MD of Bonnyville and 4 Wing Cold Lake, the City of Cold Lake hosts Snow Fever at the Cold Lake Marina during the Family Day long weekend in February each year. This highlight of winter activities and fun includes a pond hockey tournament, snow slides, ice sculptures, and horse-drawn wagon rides. The buildings and the breakwater are decorated with seasonal lighting to help bring joy to the event.
Adopted in 2013, the Open Space and Linkages Plan provides an action plan to direct the development of future municipal open spaces and linkages in a fiscally and environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

The City of Cold Lake engineering and construction standards provide information for any developers of requirements to help regulate design and construction standards.

Area Structure Plans and Area Redevelopment Plans (ARPs) are used to pre-plan locations for future open spaces and linkages. This assists the city to evenly space out parks and playgrounds to increase resident accessibility and map out future trail and pathway additions.

**TURF MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

Pesticide and herbicide usage is limited in the Parks Department to areas of concern or that exceed normal limits, as per the Alberta Weed Control Act.

- For the 2019 summer season, the city has contracted out the spraying of infected areas in order to reduce and control the spread of noxious and prohibited weeds on city land.
- Isolated weed spraying is done seasonally only in areas of concern with proper application by qualified Parks staff. Plant diseases are carefully monitored by our city staff and treated by natural products only in order to reduce the chemicals or harsh additives exposure to our green areas.

City of Cold Lake Vision Statement - Open Space and Linkages Plan

“The City of Cold Lake is a steward of the environment and its open space system. The city is committed to maintaining the quality and value of our natural assets based on sound planning. We are dedicated to providing an open space system that is accessible by residents for a variety of recreational and leisure pursuits. Open spaces are considered valued components of the built environment that contribute to a higher quality of life, play a strategic role in buffering land uses and serve as natural filters and habitats for a number of ecosystem processes.”
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

The City of Cold Lake has a Grass Cutting Policy #191-RC-15 in place to provide directive and standards for the maintenance and mowing of open space areas and all properties owned by the city.

Similar bylaws are in place for residents and businesses, including:

- Regulate Community Standards Bylaw #538-PL-14
- Regulate Activities and Behavior in Parks and Public Facilities, as amended #539-PL-14

The Parks Department can be seen out on the grounds as soon as the snow begins melting. They work hard to get fields ready for user groups, starting with manually assisting with water drainage from the fields. Once dry, the preparation continues with line-marking, painting, mowing, and fertilizing the fields, and chalking at the ball diamonds.

Ongoing maintenance of the fields is carried out daily from May until the last scheduled usages of the season. In the autumn, the Marina shut-down and dock removal takes place. In addition, the splash parks are winterized, and the zip line at Kinosoo Beach is removed.

A lot of maintenance also goes into preparing the Cold Lake Golf and Winter Club course for the winter, all while ice is prepared inside the club for the curling season.

LANDSCAPE QUALITY

All municipal staff, departments and contracted work are to follow existing policy requirements to the appropriate standards. City staff work together with current contractors in order to accomplish all the annual upkeep. The public is always encouraged to call in areas of concern if areas begin to become unsightly.

QUALIFIED RESOURCES

Staff responsible for maintaining city landscapes are:

- Two senior operators (Turf and Sports Field Coordinator, and Greenspace Coordinator/Journeyman Horticulturist)
- One full-time ISA certified Arborist
- Seven full-time Operators
- One Golf Course Superintendent
- One Golf Programmer
- Three term operators
- Approximately 32 summer staff

In these numbers, six Parks Operators are CPSI Certified Playground Inspectors.
The Cold Lake Community Forest is a large green area that contains a variety of trees. After previous years of neglect, it has been a great effort by city staff to maintain the immense number of trees, and manage overgrown areas.

The area hosts the Communities in Bloom pruning course, where staff and volunteer arborists work hand-in-hand to educate residents on proper pruning techniques and demonstrations. Residents then have the opportunity to practice their newly learned skills under the supervision of the arborists, giving residents confidence in their skills, while helping to battle the overgrowth issue.

In 2019, a special effort was made to host a community clean-up within the Community Forest and the Community Gardens, to help tidy the areas and give a fresh start for the growing season.
The Cold Lake Community Garden is a huge step in helping Cold Lake become a more sustainable community. Plots are rented annually, with proceeds put back into maintenance of the gardens. Communities in Bloom events are hosted annually, such as the Perennial exchange in June, with any plants left over donated or planted in local areas.
The newest addition to the Energy Centre is the Artificial Turf Field and Grandstand. This expansion was completed in the spring of 2019, and is part of the Imperial Park Master Plan, which is designed to provide the community with a central recreational hub. Features include field lighting, score clock, landscaped slopes for extra seating, and landscaped tree beds. Around the outskirts of the facility are trails and pathways with benches and perennial beds. Since its opening, the facility has been a huge hit within the community.
The newest expansion at the Cold Lake Energy Centre includes a secondary arena, 360-degree climbing wall, lounge, classroom, and office spaces.
Imperial Park is situated around the Cold Lake Energy Centre, and encompasses ball diamonds, soccer and rugby fields, pickleball courts, and most recently, the addition of the Artificial Turf Field. A standout feature of Imperial Park is the skate park, which visitors will find packed all summer long with the community’s youth.

Road construction in 2019 is helping to create better access between the Energy Centre parking lot and the main Imperial Park sports fields. A dirt roadway and the Millennium Trail connect to the community gardens.

Inside the Energy Centre, facilities include the Cenovus Energy Wellness Centre, Reid Field House, Imperial Oil Place Arena, a secondary arena, lounge, 360-degree climbing wall, walking track, classroom, and office spaces. Connected to the Energy Centre is the Cold Lake High School and Portage College, giving students year-round access to these indoor facilities.
The Kinosoo Beach Enhancement Project was adopted in 2014, and included new sidewalks, angle parking, splash park, zip line, lit walkway, bandstand, multi-surface courts, beach volleyball courts, gazebo, irrigation, and landscaped beds featuring native plant species and trees. A hotspot of activity throughout the warmer months, Kinosoo Beach is the place to be for community events such as Canada Day and Aqua Days.

In 2018, a new playground structure was constructed to replace the one that was removed during the other beach enhancements.

Recently, Kinosoo Beach was named one of Canada’s top 25 beaches by Canadian Geographic Magazine.
Local schools such as Cold Lake Elementary school are highlighted in their impressive landscape efforts. With the rebuilding of the school and newly added playgrounds, they have installed a variety of trees, which are all watered by using tree bags. New fencing and sidewalks also help to beautify the surrounding area.
COLD LAKE HEALTHCARE CENTRE

Cold Lake Hospital displays beautiful planted gardens outside of long-term care facility installed by Hearts for Healthcare. This facility provides a range of healthcare services including a 24/7 emergency department, walk-in clinics, labs, physiotherapy, mental health information, promotion and prevention, nutrition counselling, and pharmacy services to name a few.
The Cold Lake Public Library is proud of its reading garden, which is a miniature park adjacent to the children’s area of the South Branch. It features raised garden beds and containers filled with different varieties of plants. Some of the greenery planted includes tomatoes, edible flowers, fruit trees, and other colourful flowers. It also provides a series of comfortable places to sit, including a pergola with patio furniture, a swing under a shady tree, picnic tables, and deck chairs.

The area can be accessed through the library, or through a gate in the fence that is open during library hours. Garden visitors are welcome to help themselves to produce from the garden.

For the arts enthusiasts, there is also a stage; a perfect platform for summer reading entertainers, an old-fashioned band concert in the park, or for younger patrons to pretend they are in a much bigger venue.

The Cold Lake Public Library’s garden is a treat for all senses and promotes multiple literacies.

Vision:
Create a space to grow.
Gardening, arts and culture, food, read, visit, or just relax.
Marina Drive is part of the local business district in Cold Lake North. Just a quick step away from the Marina, it features a beautiful stretch of exquisitely maintained businesses, restaurants, and bed and breakfasts, before flowing into the residential area along the Heritage Trail.

The best view in Cold Lake is from the marina breakwater. You might catch a glimpse of the “big fish” – the “Legend of the Kinosoo” that the Dene Suline believe lurks in the depths of the lake.
Marina Drive
Local business district
The winter season sees residents getting involved when it comes to keeping their yards clear of snow and fully decorated. Although there is no official seasonal light competition, many residents go above and beyond when it comes to brightening up those gloomy winter days. Local resident Marty Belisle has gained much attention as just one of the many that decorate their yards for the winter season.
STREETSCAPE APPEAL
Annual events throughout the city encourage residents to take pride in their residences and businesses.

- Cold Lake Communities in Bloom Garden Recognition highlights nominated landscapes all across the city each year.
- The Snow Angels Project helps clear the way for a better and safer community. The program started in 2017 by a partnership between the City of Cold Lake and the Cold Lake and District FCSS. The program aims to encourage neighbours to help one another with snow and ice removal. Aimed to help not just the elderly, but for people recovering from surgeries or accidents, new parents or a variety of other reasons. Those who require help just need to call Cold Lake and District FCSS about the program, and someone in the organization will place a sign in the resident’s yard, letting neighbours know they require a helping hand. Keeping walkways clear of snow and ice is not only a bylaw in Cold Lake, but is courteous for delivery workers, emergency crews and neighbours.

MAINTENANCE QUALITY
Community Standards bylaws are in place to keep properties in town to city standards. This covers everything from grass cutting requirements, noxious weed control, snow and ice removal and more.

PLANT SELECTION
The perennial exchange event hosted through Cold Lake Communities in Bloom encourage pollinator-friendly plants to be divided and shared within the city.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Community garden bring in volunteers and provide a sustainable opportunity to residents. They work with the local Food Bank each fall and donate leftover harvested foods to limit waste. A compost is set up in the garden with excess brought to compost at the Cold Lake Regional Transfer Station.

Communities in Bloom Annual Garden Recognition awards are handed out annually. This allows the community to be recognized and appreciated. Participants receive certificates, donated seeds or fertilizers, and are featured online.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
A volunteer appreciation night is hosted annually through the Cold Lake and District FCSS to recognize local individuals, groups and businesses for their efforts in making our community better.

Earn your Halo! Remove snow from residences.
Ph. 780.594.4495
Volunteer Appreciation Event

Join us as we celebrate our local volunteers. Enjoy live musical entertainment by YouTube sensation, Jonah Langlois. All award nominees receive a complimentary ticket for themselves and a guest. Our community partners generously sponsor our event.

Tickets $12.50, registration required
Lunch will be provided

Sunday
APR. 7
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
LAKELAND INN

Purchase tickets on March 5 at Cold Lake & District FCSS, 5220 54 Street
For more information, phone 780.594.4495
Floral Displays

Community Involvement Sector
Cold Lake and District FCSS Community Garden Program for Youth
(Garden Gnomes)

Garden Gnomes is a program run from the Community Garden. It is a themed program of gardening activities and crafts for Cold Lake youth. Last summer, six individual activities took place in the Community Garden.

**Leave Your Footprint**
Make art and memories and leave nothing but footprints at the garden. Get your feet wet and messy with footprint art.

**Stepping Stones**
Walk in the right direction and make a personalized stepping stone to add your personal touch of creativity and joy in the garden.

**Fairy and Dino Gardens**
Choose between a whimsical or prehistoric garden and let your imagination take you away. With magic or history, you will make your very own mini garden to take home.

**Garden Games**
Fairies aren’t the only ones that play games in the garden. You too, can use nature to make enjoyable games like tic-tac-toe and more!

**Bird Feeders**
Birds are beautiful and fun to have in your garden; they are also great pest eliminators. Make your own bird feeders to welcome feathery friends to the garden.

**Brush of Nature**
Make your own paintbrushes using the garden’s natural art supplies. You will then use your new handmade brush to make yet another work of art.

**Recognizing beautiful gardens across the city**
The beautiful garden recognition program run through the Cold Lake Communities in Bloom committee has recognized many businesses and residential garden displays. This program has proven effective in creating pride from season to season for the recognized nominees, as well as the neighbouring properties.
Nominate members in the community for a beautiful garden recognition award. Planters, balconies or gardens any theme shape or size apply.
Deadline for nominations July 14.

Evaluations take place
Monday July 15
10 AM - 3 PM
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

PLANT EXCHANGE

SUNDAY
JUNE 2
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Community Garden
by the Lutheran Church

Split your perennials and bring them to the Community Garden to exchange for others.

Donations will be accepted for the Community Garden.

Please park in the energy centre parking lot. Transport will be available for your plants.

For questions, message us on our Facebook page - Cold Lake Communities in Bloom
CITY OF COLD LAKE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Cold Lake Community Garden has proven to be an incredible powerhouse for community involvement. The site has been Programs run for youth to educate how to care for garden vegetables and build birdhouses out of recycled materials as well as create garden decor has created a passion at a young age for horticulture. Raised plots were installed to better accommodate seniors beside a shade structure where they can rest and sit with their friends or family. Every season the community garden society maintains an area sanctioned for the food bank. Harvest is sure to bring many healthy meals for the less fortunate.

CITY OF COLD LAKE OPEN HOUSE

The City of Cold Lake hosts an open house where all ages can learn about the departments within the municipality. There are opportunities to learn how to plant seeds and how to water and care for them. Free seedlings and information about the trees are handed out in an effort to grow our cities urban canopy. Another interesting booth was the waste management site where there was opportunity to learn about worms in your compost and how it is an essential part of healthy soil.
PARKS DEPARTMENT
Pride and joy of the city

Cold Lake prides them selves on succession planning in the parks department. Best practices created by the Red seal Journeyman Landscape Horticulturist are passed onto full time and seasonal staff.

The ISA certified Arborist is also the credential held within the department. Together these certifications create the standards expected by specific service levels. All municipal gardens planters and hanging baskets are monitored weekly for maintenance.

Re-purposed compost from the cities waste management facility is added to perennial, annual beds and planters. Over the last two seasons the City has introduced self-watering hanging baskets and planters. This system has saved the city time and has proved to be effective in water conservation.

Natures source fertilizer is used to boost growth in the annuals that are heavy feeders. Perennial and annual gardens are weeded and edged a minimum three-times/ season. Proper watering and soil amendments as well as site-specific plants are used as best practices to ward off unwanted pests and diseased.

Chemical application is considered a last resort for controlling pests. Disease is controlled by sanitary mechanical removal and is disposed at the waste managements burn bin used for plant material not suitable for the compost site. Mulch is used in the perennial beds to hold in moisture, lower compaction and keep away the weeds.

At the end of the season tender bulbs and tropicales are moved indoors and gardens are watered in to prepare the hardy plant material for dormancy.

OVER
10,000

plants and flowers get planted each year to beautify our city.