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## Communities in Bloom Awarded a “Happy Birthday Canada” 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Garden

The City of Dauphin Communities in Bloom Committee was a lucky recipient of one of 150, ‘150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Gardens’ distributed across Canada last fall – by the Canadian Garden Council in collaboration with Vesey’s Bulbs of PEI. Tulips are an international symbol of friendship and an enduring symbol of our national ethos of kindness and hospitality. The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Garden is a terrific way to say “Happy Birthday” to Our Home and Native Land.

In October 2016, we held a Planting Ceremony, which involved local youth, seniors, and dignitaries completing the planting of 1000 tulip bulbs (500 red and 500 white). This spring, on May 19, 2017 at 4 pm at City Hall, we held a Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Bloom Celebration. Involved in this ceremony were again local youth, seniors, and dignitaries.

“What a wondrous sight to see 1000 tulips blooming in City Hall’s court yard,” commented Councillor Kathy Bellemare, City of Dauphin Councillor and member of the local Community in Bloom Committee. “It is a sure sign of spring, and a wonderful kick off to this summer’s Canada 150 celebrations in and around our community!”

Our garden, and the other 149 gardens planted across the country, are symbolically linked to a Flagship 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Garden Promenade, consisting of 25,000 tulips also donated by Vesey’s, which were planted last fall and are currently blooming adjacent to Niagara Falls, one of the great natural wonders of the world, and one of Canada’s largest gateways for visitors to our country.

Our garden is featured on Canada’s Garden Route, [www.canadagardenroute.ca](http://www.canadagardenroute.ca)

The City of Dauphin would like to thank the Communities in Bloom Committee for submitting the winning ‘150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Garden’ application as well as all those who made this heartwarming program possible: Canadian Garden Council, Vesey’s Bulbs, Canada Post, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, Niagara Parks Commission, *GardenMaking* magazine, Landscape Ontario, Ontario Garden Council, Baxter Travel Media, Enterprise Canada, Gardens BC, Quebec Gardens’ Association and VIA Rail Canada.

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