




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	September 27, 2021
SUBJECT:	Results of the 2021 Trillium Awards Program (ES21006) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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This Communication Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council of the results of the 2021 Trillium Awards Program.

The Trillium Awards Program promotes community pride by recognizing gardens whose landscaping and maintenance contribute to a more attractive neighbourhood and community. Award categories include: White Trillium, Pink Trillium, Red Trillium and the Community Trillium Awards for businesses and apartment buildings.

Public health guidelines to support the health and safety of staff, volunteer judges and gardeners during the COVID-19 pandemic did not allow for the 2021 Trillium Awards Program to run as it has prior to the pandemic. Through virtual meetings and planning sessions, the volunteer-based Trillium Awards Executive Committee came up with an innovative hybrid model that included virtual and in-person judging. This hybrid model was approved by the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in April 2021.

Gardeners nominated their own and their neighbours' gardens using an online submission form between April 1st and June 15th, and photos of their gardens were uploaded for reference in case in-person judging could not take place. The Trillium Awards Executive Committee supported 111 volunteer judges this year by providing virtual training, an online electronic scorecard and a digital toolkit.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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A total of 584 gardens were submitted for consideration and were judged in person and/or virtually by judges who practiced social distancing and wore masks when necessary. Up to 20 White Trillium Awards can be won in each ward with one Pink Trillium Award representing the best property in each ward. From the Pink Trilliums one Red Trillium Award is presented for the entire City. 264 White Trillium Awards have been awarded to gardeners for meeting the criteria for a White Trillium. 14 Pink Trilliums and 1 Red Trillium have been awarded to winners. 28 Community Trillium Awards for commercial properties have also been awarded. A list of 2021 Trillium Award winners by Ward has been published on the City's website at [Hamilton.ca/trilliumawardwinners](https://hamilton.ca/trilliumawardwinners). Note that Ward 12 has an Ancaster Horticultural Society run Trillium Awards Program and therefore, is not included in the numbers above.

In recent years, Trillium Award recipients with the top score in their Ward (Pink Trilliums) would be invited to a celebration event that congratulates their gardening efforts and serves as the opening of the Mum Show. This year due to COVID-19, we will be planning an online presentation that will be shared on the Trillium web page.

City of Hamilton staff and the Trillium Awards Executive Committee would like to extend their appreciation and congratulations to all judges, nominees and award recipients.

For 2021, the Trillium Award was redesigned based on feedback from past participants and the image below is an example of the Red Trillium Award. For each Trillium category the flower colour in the centre changes, for example White category is white, Pink is pink, and our Community Trillium is silver as selected by the Executive Committee. Our Executive Committee members, Judges, Ward Coaches and recipients expressed their happiness with the new 2021 Trillium Award design, which they feel reflects not only the history of the Trillium Awards Program, but better aligns with the Province of Ontario and many local Trillium Programs.



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If you have any questions related to the Trillium Awards Program, please contact Robert Wagner at Ext 5379.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable