




INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	September 23, 2020
SUBJECT:	Results of the 2020 Digital Trillium Awards Program (ES20009) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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This Information Update is to inform the Mayor and Members of City Council of the results of the 2020 Digital Trillium Awards program.

Public Health restrictions to support the health and safety of staff, volunteer judges and gardeners during the COVID-19 response did not allow for the 2020 Trillium Awards Program to run as it normally does. Through virtual meetings and planning sessions, the volunteer-based Trillium Awards Executive Committee came up with an innovative digital Trillium Awards Program that encouraged continued beautification for residential and commercial properties in the City. This Digital Program was approved by the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in April 2020.

Gardeners nominated their own properties using an online submission form between June 15th and July 15th and photos of their gardens were uploaded for review and scoring by volunteer judges. The Trillium Awards Executive Committee supported 104 volunteer judges this year by providing virtual training, an electronic score card and digital photo specifications.

A total of 384 gardens were submitted for consideration with 206 White Trillium Award Certificates awarded and mailed to gardeners for meeting the criteria for a White Trillium. 27 Award of Excellence Certificates for commercial properties were also awarded. A list of 2020 Trillium Award winners by ward has been published on the City's website at Hamilton.ca/trilliumawardwinners.

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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 also serves as the opening of the Mum Show. As approved by the EOC, the Mum Show will be running on a smaller scale and respecting public health measures this year, so the celebration event will not be held.

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. We all look forward to returning to our regular program in 2021 should COVID-19 restrictions be lifted.

If you have any questions related to the Trillium Awards Program, please contact Angela Storey, Manager of Business Programs, at extension 6483.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable