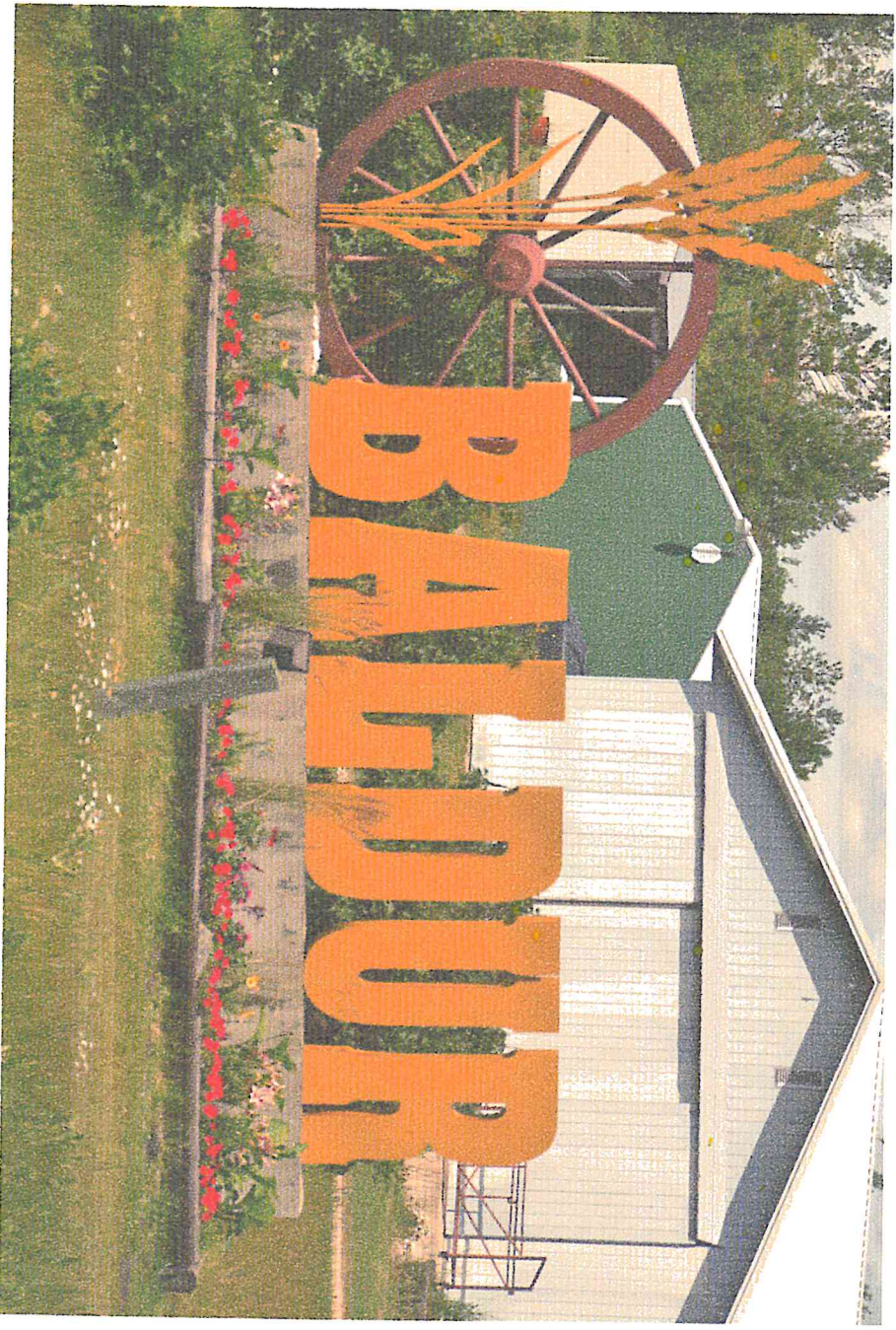


# 2019



## Communities in Bloom



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# Itinerary

## **Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

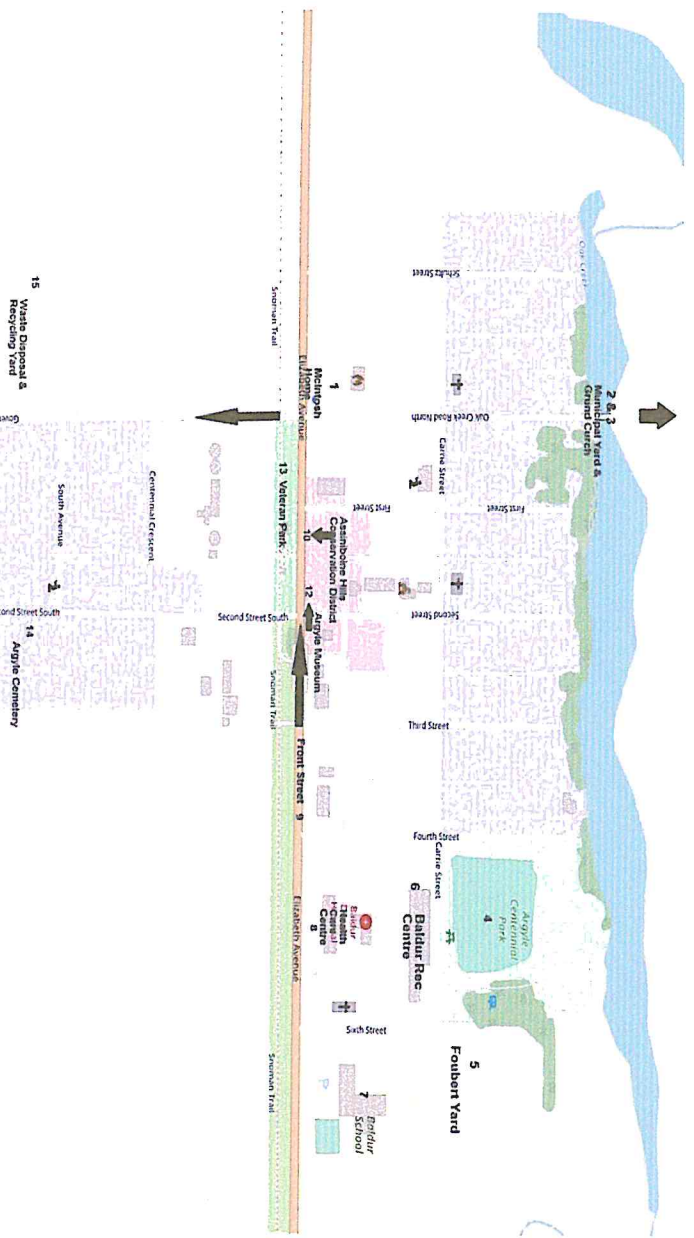
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Municipal Office
9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Tour
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Tour
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Judges Time
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	BBQ at Veteran Park



# Tour Agenda

Tour Guides: Joy Johnson and Bernice Hiscock

- 1) McIntosh Yard
- 2) Municipal yard
- 3) Grund Church & Cemetery
- 4) Argyle Centennial Park
- 5) Foubert Yard with water collection system
- 6) Baldur Recreation Centre
- 7) Baldur School
- 8) Baldur Health Care Centre, Care Home & Transitional Unit
- 9) Front Street: The Lodge, Eight Raised Beds, Credit Union, Pembina Co-op
- 10) Assiniboine Hills Conservation District Office
- 11) Lunch(12-1)
- 12) Argyle Museum
- 13) Veteran Park
- 14) Baldur Cemetery
- 15) Waste disposal & Recycling yard





# Municipal Information

<b>Municipality:</b>	<b>Argyle</b>
<b>Population (R.M. of Argyle)</b>	<b>1025 (2016-census)</b>
<b>Population (LUD of Baldur)</b>	<b>320 (2016-census)</b>
<b>Municipal Budget:</b>	<b>\$2,719,834</b>
<b>RM Parks Budget as a % of municipal budget:</b>	<b>4% - \$10,740</b>
<b>LUD Parks Budget as a % of town budget</b>	<b>5% - \$7,600</b>
<b>Total area:</b>	<b>301 sq. miles</b>
<b>Parks and green spaces % of total area</b>	<b>0.33%</b>



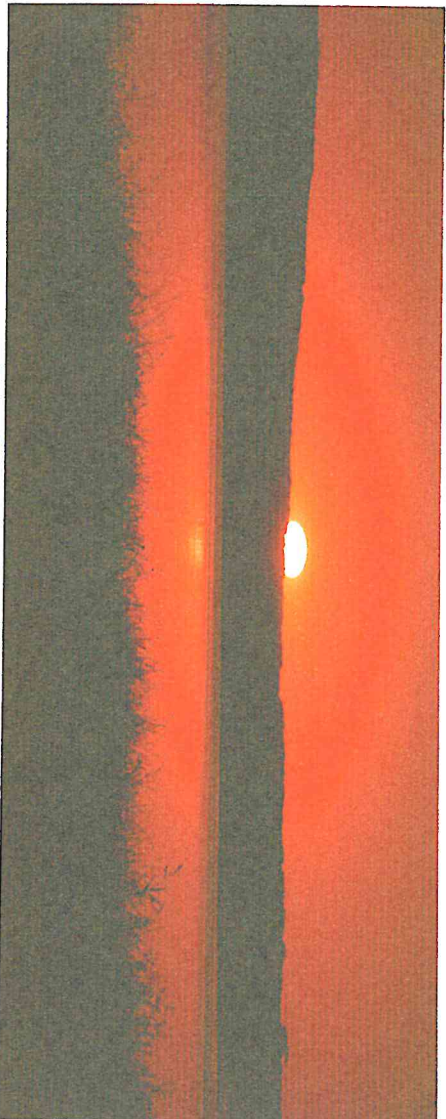
# Officials and Staff

Reeve - Daniel Martens

Councillor - Ward 1:	Joedy Desrochers
Councillor - Ward 2:	Kory VanDamme
Councillor - Ward 3:	Mike Everett
Councillor - Ward 4:	Marilynne Pantel
Councillor - Ward 5:	Conway Waldner
Councillor - Ward 6:	Tom Kay

LUD of Baldur	Belinda Pearson
LUD of Baldur	Michael Foubert

Chief Administrative Officer	Barb Bramwell
Assistant Administrative Officer	Lori Johnson
Administrative Assistant	Tammy McIntosh
Recreation Director	Colleen VanWynsberghe
Assistant Rec Director (summer Student)	Peighton Johnson
Waste Disposal Grounds Manager	Lucille DeBaets
Weed Supervisor	Grant Shewfelt
Public Works Foreman	Don Gudnason
Equipment Operator	Corrie Martens
Equipment Operator	Raymond Lussier
Equipment Operator	Laurie Johnson
Equipment Operator	Dori Gudnason
Town Foreman	Darcy Dearsley
Waste & Recycling Collection	Bill Fierens
Summer Student	Teigan Gudnason
Summer Student	Owen McIntosh
Public Librarian	April Hoblyak





# Municipal Action Plan

Baldur is an amazing place to live for so many reasons, among them are our municipal leaders who strive to ensure groups such as our Flower Committee are given generous financial support to not only hire a person to water the delicate floral treasures sprinkled throughout Baldur but also to complete many necessary upgrades and changes.

The halls and recreational facilities are extremely important hubs not only for those who reside in Baldur, but also within the surrounding areas. Because of a deep seated commitment to family value and the need for families to be engaged in activities ongoing financial support has been donated to these facilities by the municipality to ensure these valuable hubs remain available for public use.

Our Recreation Director, Colleen and her assistant Peighton have a very busy schedule this summer with day camps, trips, picnics, games and so much more. This dynamic duo does a first class job keeping our kids entertained, active, and interacting which is so very important in rural farming communities.

Argyle Campground continues to be upgraded and preened. Privacy tree lines that were planted several years ago are growing into vibrant living walls providing additional privacy in this beautiful area.

Carrying on from past years, derelict buildings continue to be removed, with green spaces and new structures filling the empty spaces.

The town of Baldur has had a major water system upgrade this past year.

The cost of the treatment of water from the previous well was growing exponentially due to the amount of chemical that had to be used to make the water safe for consumption. Water is now being piped in from Glenora.

The town water plant has also received:  
a safety fence installed around the plant,  
a new roof, and  
a new flow pump.

Hail damage throughout the RM of Argyle was extensive and our municipal and RM buildings did not escape the wrath of Mother Nature. Hail repairs were done on several buildings with the repairs on the Municipal building being completed this year.

Our volunteer Fire Department will be receiving a new fire and water truck this year. The new equipment will help our amazing firefighters ensure rapid response and increased capability in dealing with a wide variety of emergencies.

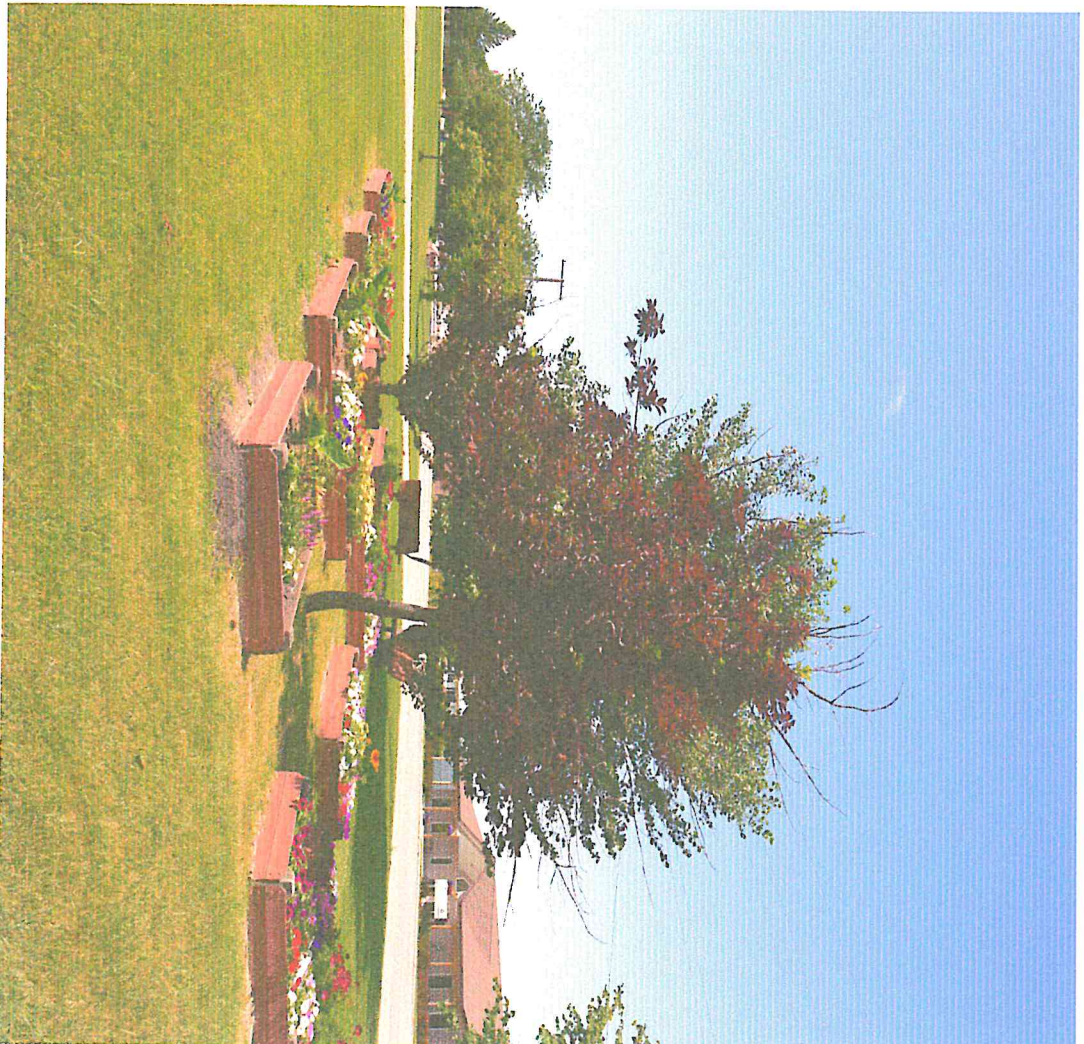


# LUD Action Plan

## Sidewalk repair:

- 2nd Street between Baldur Trading and Post Office
- 1st Street between Elizabeth Ave and Drop-In. Repairing a drainage issue. Once repaired the surface between the sidewalk and the road will be resurfaced so that parking will be clean and mud free.

Planting of 4 seedling trees at Veteran Park, plus an additional 16 seedling trees to be planted along Oak Creek behind the Argyle Centennial Park ball diamonds





# I

## Tidiness

**Baldur - God of innocence, beauty, joy, purity and peace - how appropriate!**

We pride ourselves on our ability to work together.

Every spring our town school does its part by recruiting all students from kindergarten to grade twelve to take an afternoon to go out with their teachers and collect refuse that had been hidden by the winter's heavy snow.

As soon as the snow has melted, our local 4-H group also gathers on a Saturday morning collecting trash from the ditches outside of Baldur. The mountains of filled garbage bags that wait for pick-up are a testament to the need for this activity. Before garden planting and grass cutting starts, a street cleaner is hired to clean our town's streets, When they are finished, our roadways nearly squeak they are so clean.

To help maintain an unlittered town, there are numerous trash and recycling bins dotting the front street and common areas. This has been extremely effective by keeping litter to an almost nonexistent state. Anything that is found is picked up by citizens who happen upon it while walking around town.

Four new ashtrays have also been placed around Baldur to eliminate the accumulation of cigarette butts.



# II

## Environmental Action

Baldur has adopted multiples of environmentally responsible alternates to help ensure a wide variety of potentially toxic materials do not end up in our landfill..

Baldur is provided with curbside garbage and recycling pick-up. For those living outside of town, our landfill offers a progressive drop off recycling depot.

With trained, on-site management, our landfill stays organized and recyclables are deposited in the appropriate areas.

A designated trailer for used oil, filters and containers helps to eliminate toxins from entering the earth and waterways.

In addition to regular recycling materials, such as cardboard, glass and pop cans to name a few, our recycling depot can also accept batteries, old computers and printers, cell phones, assorted electronics and hazardous waste.

Starting in kindergarten the students from Baldur School are taught the importance of recycling. Our school has a composting system as well as an aggressive recycling program with designated bins throughout the school and the school grounds.

The compost made is used on the raised bed garden the students plant in the spring. To actively promote recycling throughout the community, there are recycling bins on the front street and near businesses, as well as in common areas.

We take pride in protecting our environment.

Baldur is so very fortunate to have the Assiniboine Hills Conservation District office on our main street. ([www.assiniboinehillscd.ca](http://www.assiniboinehillscd.ca))

In addition to providing water testing, this office hosts many other valuable programs. Their district is comprised of 6,349 km2. Within the district they provide a list of services that is lengthy and so very essential.

Our municipality leads by example and actively promotes to the area the importance of using professional weed control. By educating residents of the hazards of accidental poisoning, storage and disposal issues derived from self application, it assists individuals to make informed decisions.



# III

## Heritage Conservation

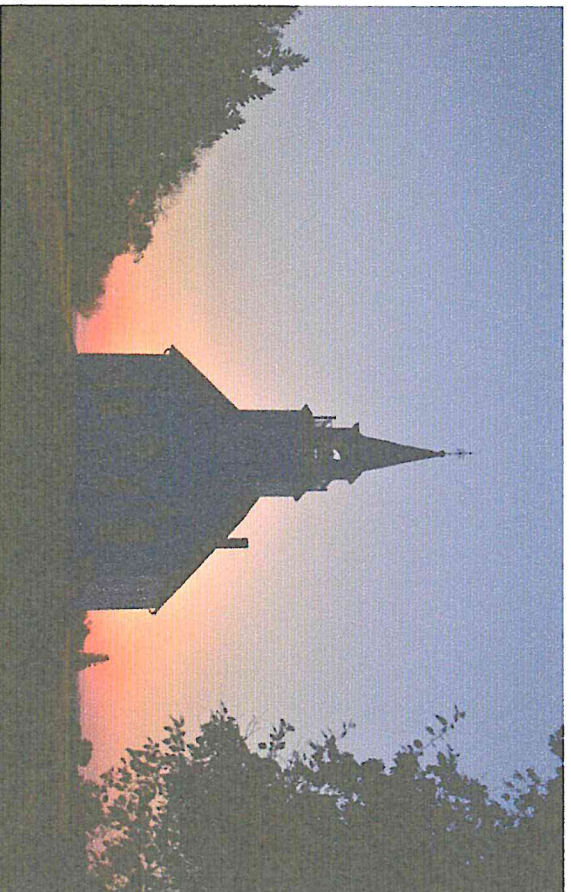
Our founders left us with an abundance of historic treasures, this is what helps to keep our heritage alive. The Argyle Museum is home to many of these collections and assorted memorabilia.

In memory of Bob Sigvaldason, descendent of one of the first families to settle in Baldur, an 80 acre expanse of untouched land was donated as a prairie tribute. This land serves as a gentle reminder of how life was when the settlers first arrived. Original buffalo rubs clearly dot the landscape left by these gentle giants who not so long ago called this area home. Staunch prairie grasses cradling timid clusters of tiny pastel wildflowers all snippets of delicate beauty in a harsh prairie landscape.

Within Baldur we have several historical sites including churches and our beloved Baldur Hall. The Baldur Hall was built as a testament to all pioneer women and the sacrifices they made while they worked side by side with the men to start their new lives here.

In addition to the numerous historical sites within Baldur, there are countless others in surrounding areas within the RM of Argyle. One of the most famous of the sites is Grund Church which is the oldest standing Icelandic Lutheran Church in Canada. Maintained in its original state, this icon is as beautiful today as it was when it was constructed in 1889.

All of our historic sites are treated with the dignity and respect they so aptly deserve. A rich taste of history to be embraced and cared for, this is evident throughout the area.





# IV

## Urban Forestry

Although the RM of Argyle is home to many native varieties of trees, many other varieties have been introduced that have continued to thrive. Our trees not only act as shelter belts from wind and shade from the summer sun, they also offer so much to our environment. Our huge forested areas are home to animals and birds alike. Our municipality takes great effort in maintaining and caring for our trees. It is because of this diligence that we will continue to boast huge healthy stands of graceful gentle giants.





# V

## Landscape

As you enter Baldur you are greeted by huge yellow letters announcing BALDUR. The giant letters seem to float on a carpet of floral delights- what an amazing way to introduce visitors to our beautiful home.

Baldur is a mix of natural and assisted landscaping. The carefully manicured lawns and green spaces, vacant lots, town ditches and trimmed hedges, these are all detailed expressions of the pride we all share.

Although we have beautiful parks and immaculately manicured residential spaces, the raw beauty of nature, is nature at its best.

Just outside of Baldur you will see fields of glorious colours and hues. Large pools of cool, clear water play host to families of waterfowl. Immense stands of trees offering refuge to our precious wildlife. Nature in its pure form is nature at its most beautiful.





# VI

## Floral Displays

Located at the east and west gateways to our home are giant bright yellow BALDUR signs accented with the beautiful grace of bright floral carpets.

As you enter Baldur you are greeted with floral delights poised to uplift and attract. Hanging baskets heavily laden with draping ropes of blooms line the poles of our front street. Majestic pots brimming with dancing petalled wonders of endless colour.

The floral displays in Baldur are a quiet symphony of life using notes of colour and scent to play its music.

Our Flower Committee performs magic every year, making displays that are bigger, brighter and bolder. The hundreds of man hours required to achieve such a floral enchantment is awe-inspiring to say the least.

As you walk down any of our residential streets you will immediately notice the care our residents take of their yards and homes with showpiece gardens a natural occurrence, it clearly demonstrates the widespread passion that has made our home the beautiful haven it is.

Without the untiring diligence of our Flower Committee and the example they set, Baldur's unrivalled floral extravaganza would not be close to what it is today.



# Community Involvement

The Baldur Development Committee is a long standing volunteer group who has over the years revamped its purpose and mandate. The current mandate for this group is as follows:

‘Will aim to maintain and enhance a level of well being and quality of life and to support services for the benefit of the community.’

Various fundraisers take place throughout the year, BBQ's, teen dances and so much more.

The annual Solstice Days event is one of the major fundraisers for the Baldur Recreation Centre. This event brings young and old together with a wide variety of events.

Every spring our local 4-H club rolls up their sleeves and spends a Saturday morning combing the ditches outside of Baldur for litter. The huge number of garbage bags collected for pick up are a physical testament to the need for this invaluable service.

Our local school also takes the time to collect garbage throughout Baldur. Chaperoned by their teachers and armed with bags and gloves they set off to rid the town of trash.

Created in 1999, the Baldur and Area Endowment Fund continues to help groups and organizations achieve their goals through financial assistance.

The Baldur Motor Hotel, Baldur School, SunRise Credit Union and the Municipal office all host beautiful displays of flowers and/or gardens.

Five ashtrays have been added around town – 4 supplied by the BCDA and 1 supplied by the Flower Committee.

A ‘Give Away’ weekend was organized and was a roaring success saving many items from heading to the landfill.

The eight existing raised gardens located across from Baldur Manor were redone with the help of grade 11 & 12 students for our local school.



There is a new Dragon Boat recognition sign proudly displayed just west of Veteran Park.

The LUD is helping with the watering of our flowers this year.

The Baldur Recreation Centre has been upgraded, refurbished and resided.

The Argyle Centennial Park has also had much work done to the announcer's booth as well as the concession stand and seating area.





# **Communities in Bloom**

## **Participants**

### **Committee Members**

Bernice Hiscock	Joy Johnson	Pat Dearsley
Myrna DeKezel	Marion Reykdal	Hedy Joycey
Lillian Cameron	Lorraine Cramer	Florence Trinder
Myrna Williams		

Some of the less visible activities of the Committee include plant/pot selection & ordering, hiring people to do the watering, following Manitoba Communities in Bloom (CiB) guidelines & timelines, responsible spending of the RM's financial contribution & donations from business and citizens, participating in the Meat Draw and Chase the Ace, hosting the judges for a day and a night, hosting the annual BBO, holding several meetings throughout the year, and attending the annual CiB Conference.

There are known volunteers who assist with the Profile Book, photography work, financial statement production, a variety of plant and equipment maintenance activities, all activities which helps to get the work done and to keep the community looking beautiful.

Betty Brooks	Joy Dearsley
Carling Johnson	Earl Johnson
Joan MacKay	Patsy Mitchell
Eila Sigurdson	Linda Warrenner
Anne Gudnason	Mike Johnson

There are secret or unknown helpers who assist with pulling weeds, deadheading, picking up cigarette butts and other refuse to keep public areas clean and tidy.

This year the RM & LUD summer students Teigan Gudnason and Owen McIntosh have tackled numerous landscaping, pruning and maintenance jobs that required equipment, strength and flexibility. All this effort definately helps to



keep the community looking fresh and attractive.

The Baldur Community Development Association (BCDA) is providing advice and support on some CIB recommendations: purchasing new weather friendly ashtrays, encouraging the concept of a Giveaway Weekend, securing grants to purchase and plant more trees, and involving youth where possible, such as the high school students helping with the work of redoing 8 raised beds.

The RM & LUD support the Flower Committee by providing significant monetary funds and showing interest in our financial matters, listening to our concerns, meeting with us when requested and supporting new initiatives.





# **Volunteer Groups and Committees**

Baidur Flower Committee  
Baldur Community Development Association  
Baldur Fire Department  
Argyle Museum  
Argyle Drop In Centre  
Baldur/Mariapolis 4-H Club  
Baldur Recreation Centre  
Baldur and District Recreation Association  
Baldur School Parent Advisory Council

Baidur Lodge  
Collins Place  
Baldur Economic Committee  
Baldur Memorial Hall  
Senior Christmas Dinner  
Baldur Early Learning Centre  
Baldur Regals  
Volunteer Enrichment Group





# Projects for 2019-2020

It goes without saying that our illustrious Flower Committee will keep finding new projects to wow us with in 2020. Some beds will need to be reconstructed in the next year or so as they have been around for many years and the wooden frames are shifting and rotting.

Additional tree planting is always on the agenda. Unfortunately some grants and sources for securing trees have been cut so work needs to be done to research new economical sources for purchasing trees.

Pruning of aging trees with questionable branches is an ongoing project and is an annual item in the LUD budget.

