

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via Electronic Communications, on Thursday, August 27, 2020, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Johnny Dulku, Chair
Ayesha Tariq
Destiny Jefferies

Absent:

Adeline Azangue
Helen Meyer
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor

Administration:

Darlene Soucy, Acting Manager, Legislative Services
Michael Knight, Acting Manager, Public Works
Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, Public Works
Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Johnny Dulku called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ayesha Tariq
SECONDER:	Destiny Jefferies
FOR:	Tariq, Dulku, Jefferies
ABSENT:	Azangue, Meyer

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - July 23, 2020

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on July 23, 2020 be accepted as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Destiny Jefferies

SECONDER: Ayesha Tariq

FOR: Tariq, Dulku, Jefferies

ABSENT: Azangue, Meyer

4. New Business and Unfinished Business

4.1. Committee Membership Update

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, advised that Darcy Enns, Vice Chair has resigned from the Communities in Bloom Committee. Darlene Soucy, Acting Manager, Legislative Services indicated that the vacancy will be filled during the regular recruitment process in the fall.

It was decided by consensus of the Committee that a new Vice Chair will be appointed at the next regularly scheduled meeting, when more Committee Members are in attendance.

4.2. Nominate Your Neighbour Special Recognition Program

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, indicated that nominations for the Nominate Your Neighbour Special Recognition program will close on August 31, 2020. The Committee reviewed the process that they will follow for selecting winners and delivering prize packages.

4.3. Tulip Planting Date

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, indicated that the tulips have not yet been received. Michael Knight, Acting Manager, Public Works, advised that the flower beds at the Haxton Center are still available for planting - and committed to consulting with a Horticulturist to determine an ideal seasonal time to plant these particular tulip bulbs.

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, committed to following up with the Committee Members once the tulips are received to finalize a date and time for the planting session.

4.4. 2020 Outstanding Achievement Awards

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, advised that the deadline for submissions to the Communities in Bloom 2020 Outstanding Achievement Awards has been extended to August 31, 2020.

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, committed to providing a list of topics and resources should any members wish to write a submission.

4.5. Committee Recommendations – Hosting Communities in Bloom Symposium

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted that the Communities in Bloom Symposium, which was cancelled for 2020, is available to be hosted in Fort McMurray in the years 2021, 2023 or later. Michael Knight, Acting Manager, Parks, indicated that flood remediation and construction of the waterfront festival site would not be completed in time to host the event in 2021.

It was noted that a presentation would be made to Council in October, and a motion is required before moving forward to Council

MOTION:

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee bring forward a recommendation to Council to host the Communities in Bloom Symposium in 2023, and

THAT the required funding be incorporated into the Operating Budget for the applicable year

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Johnny Dulku
SECONDER:	Destiny Jefferies
FOR:	Tariq, Dulku, Jefferies
ABSENT:	Azangue, Meyer

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Chair

