

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, August 26, 2021, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair
Destiny Jefferies, Public-at-Large
Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large
Ayesha Malik, Public-at-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor

Absent:

Qasim Malik, Vice Chair
Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large

Administration:

Terra Brenneis, Program Manager, Public Works
Seville Kwan, Department Administrator
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Helen Meyer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Nicole McMillan
FOR:	Jefferies, Meyer, A.Malik, Dulku, McMillan
ABSENT:	Q. Malik, Ganace

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - June 24, 2021

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on June 24, 2021 be accepted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ayesha Malik
SECONDER:	Johnny Dulku
FOR:	Jefferies, Meyer, A. Malik, Dulku, McMillan
ABSENT:	Q. Malik, Ganace

4. New and Unfinished Business**4.1. Q&A with National Communities in Bloom Judges**

Alex Pearl and John Lohuis, National Communities in Bloom Judges, provided a brief introduction and noted that the last visit National Communities in Bloom made to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo was in 2019. They outlined what a typical visit looks like and spoke on the new evaluation form, elaborating on how evaluations are done, and noting the efforts recognized to mitigate and adapt to climate change which is reflected in several criteria including: community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape, and plant and floral design. Committee members provided feedback on the new evaluation format.

4.2. Nominate your Neighbour Updates

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Nominate your Neighbor summer program noting that there have been 49 recognitions received so far. It was further noted that the nomination period closes on August 31, 2021.

4.3. IgNIGHT Partnership Opportunities

Helen Meyer, Chair, and Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the igNIGHT Public Art Exhibition taking place October 1 - October 10, 2021. They noted the program will be held at the Lions Park in the barn at Heritage Village. The theme of the 2021 igNIGHT exhibition is the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. An overview of partnership opportunities was provided, including exhibition advertising, hosting workshops and providing remaining Flower of the Year seed packets to make available for the public.

4.4. Communities in Bloom Garden at Helen Pacholko Park

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted the Parks Division has been creating a Community Gardens program that will incorporate volunteers and plots to be adopted out by organizations, families and individuals. As part of the program, the Parks Division tours various community gardens and upon visiting the Helen Pacholko Park, it was

proposed that the Communities in Bloom Committee help maintain a floral bed garden in the Helen Pacholko Park in 2022. The Committee members shown interest in becoming more present with active community gardens.

4.5. McMurray Metis Community Garden

Chair, Helen Meyer, brought forward the idea of Communities in Bloom getting involved with the McMurray Métis Community Garden as it proposes a great opportunity to build relationships with Indigenous community members as well as partnering with other committee's in the community. The committee expressed their interest in this.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Chair