

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, January 27, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Destiny Jefferies, Vice Chair  
Ayesha Malik, Public-at-Large  
Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large  
Qasim Malik, Public-at-Large  
Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large  
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor

**Absent:**

Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large  
Helen Meyer, Chair

**Administration:**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, Public Works  
Terra Brenneis, Manager, Community Relations  
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer  
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victoria Ganace
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Destiny Jefferies
<b>FOR:</b>	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McMillan, Meyer

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**MOTION**

THAT the minutes of the Special Communities in Bloom Committee meeting held on December 16, 2021 be accepted as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Qasim Malik
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victoria Ganace
<b>FOR:</b>	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McMillan, Meyer

#### **4. New and Unfinished Business**

##### **4.1. Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Committee Member, Victoria Ganace, nominated Helen Meyer for position of Chair. In Helen's planned absence, she provided written communication indicating if she were to be nominated as Committee Chair, she would accept the nomination, and as there were no other nominations, Helen Meyer was appointed Chair by acclamation.

##### **MOTION**

THAT Helen Meyer, be appointed as Chair of the Communities in Bloom Committee.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Qasim Malik
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Johnny Dulku
<b>FOR:</b>	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McMillan, Meyer

Committee Member, Qasim Malik, nominated Johnny Dulku for position of Vice Chair. Johnny Dulku declined the nomination. Committee Member, Victoria Ganace, nominated Destiny Jefferies for position of Vice Chair. Destiny Jefferies accepted the nomination and as there were no other nominations, Destiny Jefferies was appointed Chair by acclamation.

##### **MOTION**

THAT Destiny Jefferies be appointed as Vice Chair of the Communities in Bloom Committee.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Victoria Ganace
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Johnny Dulku
<b>FOR:</b>	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McMillan, Meyer

#### **4.2. 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule**

##### **MOTION**

THAT Communities in Bloom Committee Meetings be held on the fourth Thursday of every month beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of any statutory holidays and scheduled recess periods.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ayesha Malik
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victoria Ganace
<b>FOR:</b>	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McMillan, Meyer

#### **4.3. Committee Member Orientation**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted Committee Member Orientations will take place on February 7, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. and February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **4.4. 2021 Nominate your Neighbour Update**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the 2021 Nominate your Neighbour Program noting that the recognition deadline was December 20, 2021. There was a total of 94 recognitions.

#### **4.5. Flower of the Year Update**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator provided an update on the Flower of the Year Program noting that the polls are open online where members of the public can vote for the Flower of the Year at <https://www.rmwb.ca/en/news/help-us-choose-the-2021-flower-of-the-year.aspx> until January 31, 2022. It was further noted that the program has received 463 votes thus far, down from the number of votes in previous years.

#### **4.6. Letter of Support - Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee 2022 Initiatives**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided a summary of the request for letter of support from the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee regarding short-term and long-term goals as well as their four key priorities for 2022-2026:

Beautification, Placemaking, Neighborhood Safety and Pedestrian Friendliness. It was noted that all four priorities are in alignment with the Communities In Bloom initiatives.

### **MOTION**

THAT the Chair, on behalf of the Communities in Bloom Committee, be authorized to send a letter to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council in support of the proposed Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committees 2022 Initiatives.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Johnny Dulku
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Victoria Ganace
<b>FOR:</b>	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
<b>ABSENT:</b>	McMillan, Meyer

#### **4.7. Team Building / 2022 Goal Planning**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted that a date will be determined to discuss Communities in Bloom programs and goals for 2022 as well as the 2023 symposium.

#### **4.8. Communities in Bloom Year End Report**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, called on committee members to aid in building the Communities in Bloom 2021 Year End Report that will be presented to Council at a later date. Committee Members, Victoria Ganace and Destiny Jefferies offered their assistance with preparing the End of Year Report along with the Chair.

#### **4.9. Roundtable**

There were no items raised at the Committee's roundtable.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Chair