

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held at the South Operations Centre in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, January 26, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Destiny Jefferies, Public-At-Large
Romana Kashif, Public-At-Large
Lindsey King, Public-At-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-At-Large
Helen Meyer, Public-At-Large
Tammy Riel, Public-At-Large
Diane Zundel, Public-At-Large
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Legislative Services Clerk Destiny Gale, called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tammy Riel
SECONDER:	Helen Meyer
FOR:	Cardinal, Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer, Riel, Zundel

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - November 24, 2022

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on November 24, 2022 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lindsey King
SECONDER:	Destiny Jefferies
FOR:	Cardinal, Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer, Riel, Zundel

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Councilor K. Cardinal nominated Destiny Jefferies for the position of Chair. Destiny Jefferies declined the nomination. Destiny Jefferies nominated Helen Meyer for the position of Chair. Helen Meyer accepted the nomination and was elected Chair by acclamation as no other nominations were made.

MOTION:

THAT Helen Meyer be appointed to the position of Chair.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Nicole McMillan
FOR:	Cardinal, Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer, Riel, Zundel

Assuming of Chair

Helen Meyer assumed the Chair at 6:32 p.m.

Helen Meyer nominated Destiny Jefferies for the position of Vice-Chair. Destiny Jefferies declined the nomination. Destiny Jefferies nominated Nicole McMillan for the position of Vice-Chair. Nicole McMillan accepted the nomination and was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation as no other nominations were made.

MOTION:

THAT Nicole McMillan be appointed to the position of Vice-Chair.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Lindsey King
FOR:	Cardinal, Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer, Riel, Zundel

4.2. 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule

MOTION:

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

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nicole McMillan
SECONDER:	Diane Zundel
FOR:	Cardinal, Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer, Riel, Zundel

4.3. 2022 Nominate your Neighbour Program Review

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave a brief overview of the 2022 Nominate your Neighbour Winter Program noting that the program closed on December 15, 2022 and had over 90 recognitions for decorated homes and businesses. It was noted that Committee Members worked together to build and distribute packages to those who were nominated.

4.4. 2023 Flower of the Year Update

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave a brief overview of the 2023 Flower of the Year, the African daisy. It was noted that this flower was chosen as its color aligns with the Communities in Bloom Symposium, which is being hosted in the Wood Buffalo Region this year.

Committee Member Destiny Jefferies, noted that once the graphics are designed for the seed packages the Committee members will then begin packing the seeds for distribution to the community through local businesses and the Nominate your Neighbor Summer Program.

4.5. Communities in Bloom Year End Report

Committee Members discussed presenting the Communities in Bloom Year End Report to Council.

With consensus of the committee, Helen Meyer, Chair, will present the Communities in Bloom Year End Report to Council during the April 11th Council Meeting.

4.6. Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Update

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave a brief overview of the 2023 Communities in Bloom Symposium that will be taking place in the Wood Buffalo Region, from September 27 - 30, 2023. Committee Members discussed the various tour stops, keynote speakers, seminars, workshops, and venues they would like to see included in the Symposium.

Councillor Cardinal noted that during the Symposium he would like to see a detailed showcase of the protected wetlands, Indigenous medicines and a tour of the Wood Buffalo National Park.

4.7. Roundtable

Committee Member Diane Zundel, proposed that a member of the committee make a presentation to Grow Wood Buffalo, a local horticulture group. Helen Meyer, Chair, agreed to do so.

Legislative Services will be holding a Boards and Committees orientation at a later date, all members are invited with new members encouraged to attend.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Chair