

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held at the South Operations Centre in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, May 25, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair, Public-At-Large
Destiny Jefferies, Public-At-Large
Lindsey King, Public-At-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-At-Large
Romana Kashif, Public-At-Large

Absent:

Diane Zundel, Public-At-Large
Tammy Riel, Public-At-Large
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor

Administration:

Terra Brenneis, Manager, Public Works
Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, Public Works
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Helen Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Nicole McMillan |
| SECONDER: | Romana Kashif |
| FOR: | Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer |
| ABSENT: | Riel, Zundel |

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting – April 27, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Communities in Bloom Meeting held on April 27, 2023 be approved as presented.

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| RESULT: | ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Destiny Jefferies |
| SECONDER: | Nicole McMillan |
| FOR: | Jefferies, Kashif, King, McMillan, Meyer |
| ABSENT: | Riel, Zundel |

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Flower of the Year Update

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Flower of the Year, noting the seeds have arrived. It was further noted that the Committee Members would build the packages and distribute them out to various local businesses including Mini Green Havens, Heritage Village, Spoiled Rotten, Beacon Hill Food Store, Bargain Shack, Flower Studio, and The Corridor for distribution to residents in the community.

4.2. Community Gardening Day Update

Administration noted the Community Gardening Day will be held on May 27, 2023 at Doug Barnes Cabin from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Committee Members Helen Meyer, Nicole McMillan, Diane Zundel, Lindsey King and Romana Kashif have agreed to volunteer at the event.

4.3. Nominate your Neighbour Summer Program

Administration noted that planning has begun for the Nominate your Neighbour Summer Program and that further updates will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

4.4. Communities in Bloom Week Proclamation

Administration noted the Proclamation for Communities in Bloom Week has been approved and will be read during the June 13th Council meeting.

4.5. Letter of Support for Beautification to Government of Alberta

Administration shared for the Committee's awareness that a letter would be sent to the Provincial Government requesting that the highway corridor through town be cleaned and groomed in anticipation of summer and the upcoming Communities in Bloom Symposium.

MOTION:

That the Chair of the Communities in Bloom Committee be authorized to send a letter to the Government of Alberta regarding regular and ongoing maintenance and beautification of the green spaces along the main corridors of Highway 63.

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

4.6. Communities in Bloom and Symposium Updates

Administration provided an update on the Communities in Bloom Symposium scheduled for September 27 - September 30, 2023, outlined the planned events, and also noted that registration for the Symposium will open in June.

4.7. Roundtable

It was noted that Christina Gordon Public School reached out to the Committee requesting seed packets and that a member from the Committee give a gardening presentation to the students of their Gardening Club. Chair Helen Meyer agreed to distribute the seeds and to give the presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Chair