



Communities in Bloom Committee

Conducted Electronically Via MS Teams

Thursday, February 24, 2022
6:00 PM

Agenda

Public Participation for February 24, 2022 Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - January 27, 2022

4. **New and Unfinished Business**

4.1. Flower of the Year Update

4.2. Communities in Bloom – Year of the Garden Proclamation

4.3. Communities in Bloom Registration and Judges Tour

4.4. Council Appointed Committee Boards and Committees Presentation

Adjournment

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.

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

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Qasim Malik
SECONDER:	Victoria Ganace
FOR:	A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, Jefferies
ABSENT:	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.

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

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

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

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

Chair

Presented on Municipal letterhead

Year of the Garden 2022 PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the *Year of the Garden 2022* celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together;
- WHEREAS** the *Year of the Garden 2022* will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;
- WHEREAS** Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- THAT** (add name of municipality) **HEREBY PROCLAIMS 2022 as the *Year of the Garden*** in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and
- THAT** the **Saturday before Father's Day**, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in (add name of municipality) as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and
- THAT** (insert name of Municipality) is committed to be a **Garden Friendly City** supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have:

(name at least two city initiatives that support the garden culture of your city and the spirit of the Year of the Garden); and

- THAT** all municipalities across Canada BE INVITED to proclaim 2022 to be the ***Year of the Garden*** in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the FCM, and for that purpose.

DATED AT CITY HALL, (the xx day of (add month), 2021 or 2022

(insert Mayor's name), Mayor