

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, June 24, 2021, commencing at 12:00 AM.**

**1. Call to Order**

**Present:**

Destiny Jefferies,  
Helen Meyer,  
Johnny Dulku,  
Victoria Ganace,  
Nicole McMillan,

**Absent:**

Ayesha Malik,  
Qasim Malik,

**Administration:**

Sheila Lalonde, Councillor  
Seville Kwan, Coordinator, Recreation and Culture  
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer  
Destiny Hilliard,

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Nicole McMillan                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Victoria Ganace                           |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Jefferies, Meyer, Dulku, Ganace, McMillan |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Malik, Malik                              |

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee - Meeting - May 27, 2021 12:00 AM**

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on May 27, 2021 be accepted as presented.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Destiny Jefferies                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Johnny Dulku                              |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Jefferies, Meyer, Dulku, Ganace, McMillan |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Malik, Malik                              |

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

##### **4.1. Nominate your Neighbour**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Nominate your Neighbour summer program that was rolled out on June 23, 2021, noting that 150 nominee packages have been ordered and following arrival, Committee Members will begin distribution. The nomination period closes on August 31, 2021.

##### **4.2. 4315 : 2021 Communities in Bloom Programs**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Borealis Park Communities in Bloom Garden, noting that Committee Members will begin planting on Saturday, June 26th at 9:00 a.m.

With the province beginning to ease COVID-19 restrictions, the Committee discussed Communities in Bloom programs for 2021, noting they will begin planning for fall and winter programming. For example, the Nominate your Neighbour winter program and opportunities to collaborate with various organizations.

##### **4.3. 2023 Communities in Bloom Symposium**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an overview of the annual National Communities in Bloom Symposium, noting that the RMWB was chosen to host the Symposium in 2020; however due to COVID-19 restrictions the event was rescheduled to 2023. It was further explained that the Committee had previously decided on "Northern Blooms" as the conference tagline. A discussion occurred with respect to whether the Committee wanted to continue with the "Northern Blooms" tagline.

With consensus of the committee it was agreed to keep Northern Blooms as the conference tagline and incorporate the new Communities in Bloom logo.

##### **4.4. Summer Meeting Schedule**

The Committee Members reviewed their meeting schedule and agreed to cancel their July Meeting.

#### **MOTION**

THAT the regular Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting scheduled for the month of July be cancelled.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Nicole McMillan                           |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Johnny Dulku                              |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Jefferies, Meyer, Dulku, Ganace, McMillan |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Malik, Malik                              |

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, May 27, 2021, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Helen Meyer, Chair  
 Qasim Malik, Vice Chair  
 Ayesha Malik, Public-at-Large  
 Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large  
 Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large  
 Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large  
 Sheila Lalonde, Councillor

**Absent:**

Destiny Jefferies, Public-at-Large

**Administration:**

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer  
 Seville Kwan, Department Administrator  
 Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services  
 Stephen Fudge, Manager, Parks

**1. Call to Order**

Helen Meyer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

### 3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

#### 3.1. **Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - April 22, 2021**

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Meeting held on April 22, 2021 be accepted as presented.

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

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

#### 4.1. **Flower of The Year Seed Distribution Updates**

Helen Meyer, Chair, provided an update on seed distribution for the 2021 Flower of The Year noting the following businesses have baskets and signage for free seed packets; Chocolates and Candlelight, Caribou Flowers and Gifts, Spoiled Rotten, Sweet Meats, Heritage Village, Beacon Hill Food Store, Wood Buffalo Coffee Company, and Lifeforce Herbal Healing Centre.

#### 4.2. **Nominate Your Neighbour**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Nominate Your Neighbour program noting that nominations will be accepted beginning June 15, 2021.

It was further noted that the Communities in Bloom Committee will be receiving twelve gardening packages through the Scott's Miracle Gro Best Garden Selection program, which will be given away through random weekly draws to homes and businesses that were recognized in the Nominate your Neighbour program.

#### 4.3. **Borealis Park Communities in Bloom Garden Updates**

The Committee discussed their interest in planting summer flowers at the Borealis Park Community Garden. It was noted that a determination on whether the Committee could plant as a group or individually will be contingent on any relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions.

#### 4.4. **2023 Communities in Bloom Symposium**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an overview of the annual National Communities in Bloom Symposium, noting that the RMWB was chosen to host the Symposium in 2020; however due to COVID-19 restrictions the event was rescheduled to 2023. It was further explained that the Committee had previously decided on

"Northern Blooms" as the conference tagline. A discussion occurred with respect to whether the Committee wanted to continue with the "Northern Blooms" tagline. It was further noted that promotion of the 2023 Symposium within the National Communities in Bloom organization begins September 2021.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Chair

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of May 27, 2021 12:00 AM (Minutes of Previous Meetings)