

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, August 26, 2021, commencing at 12:00 AM.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Destiny Jefferies,
Helen Meyer,
Ayesha Malik,
Johnny Dulku,
Nicole McMillan,

Absent:

Qasim Malik,
Victoria Ganace,

Administration:

Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Destiny Hilliard,
Seville Kwan, Coordinator, Recreation and Culture
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer
Terra Brenneis, Program Manager, Public Works

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Nicole McMillan
FOR:	Jefferies, Meyer, Malik, Dulku, McMillan
ABSENT:	Malik, Ganace

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee - Meeting - Jun 24, 2021 12:00 AM

That the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on June 24, 2021 be accepted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ayesha Malik
SECONDER:	Johnny Dulku
FOR:	Jefferies, Meyer, Malik, Dulku, McMillan
ABSENT:	Malik, Ganace

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Q&A with National Communities in Bloom Judges

Alex Pearl and John Lohuis, National Communities in Bloom Judges, provided a brief introduction and noted that the last visit National Communities in Bloom made to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo was in 2019. They outlined what a typical visit looks like and spoke on the new evaluation form, elaborating on how evaluations are done, and noting the efforts recognized to mitigate and adapt to climate change which is reflected in several criteria including: community appearance, environmental action, heritage conservation, tree management, landscape, and plant and floral design. Committee members provided feedback on the new evaluation format.

4.2. Nominate your Neighbour Updates

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Nominate your Neighbor summer program noting that there have been 49 recognitions received so far. It was further noted that the nomination period closes on August 31, 2021.

4.3. IgNIGHT Partnership Opportunities

Helen Meyer, Chair, and Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the igNIGHT Public Art Exhibition taking place October 1 - October 10, 2021. They noted the program will be held at the Lions Park in the barn at Heritage Village. The theme of the 2021 igNIGHT exhibition is the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. An overview of partnership opportunities was provided, including exhibition advertising, hosting workshops and providing remaining Flower of the Year seed packets to make available for the public.

4.4. Communities in Bloom Garden at Helen Pacholko Park

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted the Parks Division has been creating a Community Gardens program that will incorporate volunteers and plots to be adopted out by organizations, families and individuals. As part of the program, the Parks Division tours various community gardens and upon visiting the Helen Pacholko Park, it was proposed that the Communities in Bloom Committee help maintain a floral bed garden in the Helen Pacholko Park in 2022. The Committee members shown interest in becoming more present with active community gardens.

4.5. McMurray Metis Community Garden

Chair, Helen Meyer, brought forward the idea of Communities in Bloom getting involved with the McMurray Métis Community Garden as it proposes a great opportunity to build relationships with Indigenous community members as well as partnering with other committee's in the community. The committee expressed their interest in this.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, June 24, 2021, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair
 Destiny Jefferies, Public-at-Large
 Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large
 Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large
 Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large
 Sheila Lalonde, Councillor

Absent:

Qasim Malik, Vice Chair
 Ayesha Malik, Public-at-Large

Administration:

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator
 Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
 Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Helen Meyer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - May 27, 2021

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

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Johnny Dulku
FOR:	Jefferies, Meyer, Dulku, Ganace, McMillan
ABSENT:	A. Malik, Q. 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. **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.

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

Adjournment

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

Chair

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jun 24, 2021 12:00 AM (Minutes of Previous Meetings)