

**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, Public Works

**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.

<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.

<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