

# **Communities in Bloom Committee**

Conducted Electronically Via MS Teams

Thursday, November 25, 2021 6:00 PM

## Agenda

#### Public Participation for November 25, 2021 Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting

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## 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

## 3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u>

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - October 28, 2021

## 4. <u>Presentation</u>

4.1. Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Community and Protective Services re: Cultural Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Heritage Resources Management

## 5. <u>New and Unfinished Business</u>

- 5.1. Winter Nominate Your Neighbour
- 5.2. 2022 Flower of the Year
- 5.3. 2022 Communities in Bloom Events
- 5.4. December Committee Meeting

## **Adjournment**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, October 28, 2021, commencing at 6:00 PM.

#### Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair Qasim Malik, Vice Chair Destiny Jefferies, Public-at-Large Ayesha Malik, Public-at-Large Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large

#### Absent:

Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large

#### Administration:

Terra Brenneis, Manager, Public Works Seville Kwan, Department Administrator Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

#### 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

Helen Meyer, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

#### MOTION

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

#### 3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u>

#### 3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - August 26, 2021

#### MOTION

THAT the minutes of the Communities In Bloom Committee Meeting held on August 26, 2021 be accepted as presented.

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

#### 4. <u>New and Unfinished Business</u>

#### 4.1. Nominate Your Neighbour Review

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Nominate your Neighbour Summer program that closed on August 31, 2021, noting that 64 recognitions were received from a combination of Committee members and residents.

### 4.2. Communities in Bloom IgNIGHT Review

Helen Meyer, Chair, provided an overview on the igNIGHT Public Art Exhibition that took place October 1 - October 10, 2021 noting that the theme was the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables. It was highlighted that the Exhibition was a success with over 3000 people attending and that the Committee contributed leftover seed packets from 2021 to this initiative.

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, shared a YouTube video created by Committee Chair, Helen Meyer, making a salad using nasturtiums, the 2021 Flower of the Year.

#### 4.3. Tulip Planting Review

Helen Meyer, Chair, provided an update on Tulip planting noting that on October 16, 2021, herself and other Committee members planted tulips at Borealis Park. It was noted that red tulips were planted to promote 2022 as the Year of the Garden, as declared by the Canadian Garden Council, and yellow tulips were also planted to promote the Hope is Growing Campaign. With some additional colours like white, and mixed red and white, it was further noted that the tulips were designed in a sun ray shape.

#### 4.4. 2022 Year of the Garden and Hope is Growing Campaign

Seville Kwan, Department Administration, provided an update on the symposium sessions that took place between September and October 2021, noting that The Hope is Growing Campaign will continue into 2022, as well as 2022 will be The Year of the Garden. It was further noted that red was selected as The Year of the Garden colour. It was mentioned that all communities are encouraged to plant both red and yellow gardens to support these campaigns. More information for the Year of the Garden programs can be found online at: https://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/year-of-the-garden-2022/

Helen Meyer, Chair, suggested that the committee choose a red flower for the 2022 Flower of The Year, in support of the Year of the Garden Campaign. The committee members discussed Geraniums, Zinnias, Sweet Williams and Red Sunflowers as options.

With consensus, the Communities in Bloom Committee supports Administration consulting with the Parks division to select the top three best choices for the region, following that, the public will be provided an opportunity to vote on the final decision for the Flower of the Year.

## 4.6. Winter Programming

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted that The Winter Nominate your Neighbour program usually starts around November 15<sup>th</sup>, and it will consist of recognitions made for outdoor decorations and light displays. The Committee noted its intention to increase the number of recognitions that were received in previous years.

The Committee discussed other initiatives for Winter Programming.

Through consensus of the Committee, the Communities in Bloom Committee supports participation in the Winter Nominate your Neighbour program.

## 4.7. Online Symposium Seminars

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the online symposium seminars, noting that once all the seminar links are received, they will be provided to the Committee and suggested that any ideas gathered from the seminars be bought forward at the next committee meeting to be discussed.

It was further noted that National Communities in Bloom organization provides Outstanding Achievement Awards in various categories. Communities can apply for an award by completing the online form. This year the Communities in Bloom Committee submitted an application for the "Community of Gardeners" award, which received second place.

## Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Chair