



Communities in Bloom Committee

South Operations Centre
128-A 140 Airport Road, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 4P1

Thursday, October 27, 2022
6:00 PM

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
 2. **Adoption of Agenda**
 3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - 3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - September 22, 2022
 4. **New and Unfinished Business**
 - 4.1. 2022 National Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Updates
 - 4.2. 2023 Flower of the Year Updates
 - 4.3. Nominate your Neighbour Winter Program
 - 4.4. Upcoming Committee Meetings
 - 4.5. Roundtable
- Adjournment**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, September 22, 2022, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair
Destiny Jefferies, Public-at-Large
Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large
Lindsey King, Public-at-Large
Tammy Riel, Public-at-Large
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor

Absent:

Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Helen Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1. MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Tammy Riel
FOR:	Dulku, Jefferies, Meyer, King, Riel
ABSENT:	Ganace, McMillan

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Sep 22, 2022 12:00 AM (Minutes of Previous Meetings)

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - June 23, 2022

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on June 23, 2022 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Destiny Jefferies
SECONDER:	Lindsey King
FOR:	Dulku, Jefferies, Meyer, King, Riel
ABSENT:	Ganace, McMillan

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Communities in Bloom Judges Visit Debrief

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an overview of the Communities in Bloom Judges Visit that took place August 22 - August 24, 2022. It was noted that judges from the National Communities in Bloom Program toured the region and evaluated the community on six criteria (Community Appearance, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Tree Management, Landscape and Plant, and Floral Displays) as set out by the Communities in Bloom Program.

It was further noted that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo competed internationally with communities that were similar in population, with representation from Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium, Citta di Alba, Cuneo, Italy, Stratford Ontario and Leduc Alberta.

4.2. Nominate your Neighbour – Summer Program Debrief

Chair Helen Meyer provided an update on the Nominate your Neighbour - Summer Program that took place June - August 2022, noting that 71 homes and businesses were nominated in this year's program, 12 of which were randomly selected for weekly prizes.

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted the committee had summer student support this year with their programs. She further noted that Community Gardening Day was a successful event held this year in June with approximately 50 attendees including residents, volunteers and speakers.

4.3. 2022 National Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave a brief overview of the upcoming Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Ceremony, taking place in Victoria, British Columbia, October 20 - October 23, 2022. It was noted that the ceremony will consist of seminars, and tours with individuals in attendance from the Communities in Bloom Committee, the Municipality's Parks Division and members of Council. The RMWB Parks Division has submitted applications for Plant and Floral Displays, Environmental Action and Heritage Conservation, all of which are categories of the Outstanding Achievement Awards. The winners will be announced at the event.

It was further noted that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will be hosting the Communities in Bloom Symposium and awards in 2023, that will include both National and International representation.

4.4. 2023 Flower of the Year

Committee Members discussed Daisies and Sunflowers as options for the 2023 Flower of the Year.

Cr. K Cardinal, suggested that the Committee choose an orange flower in support of Truth and Reconciliation practices.

With consensus, the Communities in Bloom Committee supports Administration consulting with the Horticulture Department to select the most suitable orange flower that sustains region's growing. The Committee will discuss feedback at a later meeting.

4.5. Winter Programming

Chair Helen Meyer gave a brief overview of the Committees Winter programs, noting the Nominate your Neighbor Winter program that takes place in November - December. She also noted the Committee partnered with the YMM Lights programs last year and recommended the idea again for this upcoming Winter.

Committee Members spoke about various ways the Committee can get involved in community events and volunteering with other organizations in winter activities in an effort to build relationships with partners

4.6. Communities in Bloom Meeting Location

With consensus of the Committee, the Communities in Bloom Committee Meetings will continue to 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. The meetings will be held via hybrid bi/monthly, with the alternate month held virtually.

4.7. Roundtable

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted that recruitment for the Communities in Bloom Committee is now open.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Chair

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