

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.

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

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Victoria Ganace
SECONDER:	Ayesha Malik
FOR:	Meyer, A. Malik, Dulku, Q. Malik, Ganace, McMillan
ABSENT:	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.

Chair