

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held at the South Operations Centre in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, February 23, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Destiny Jefferies, Public-At-Large
Romana Kashif, Public-At-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-At-Large
Helen Meyer, Public-At-Large
Diane Zundel, Public-At-Large

Absent:

Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor
Lindsey King, Public-At-Large
Tammy Riel, Public-At-Large

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Helen Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Romana Kashif
SECONDER:	Diane Zundel
FOR:	Jefferies, Kashif, McMillan, Meyer, Zundel
ABSENT:	Cardinal, King, Riel

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1. **Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - January 26, 2023**

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on January 26, 2023 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Zundel
SECONDER:	Destiny Jefferies
FOR:	Jefferies, Kashif, McMillan, Meyer, Zundel
ABSENT:	Cardinal, King, Riel

4. **New and Unfinished Business**

4.1. **2023 Flower of the Year Update**

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave an update on the Flower of the Year noting that African Daisy seeds is out of the Committee's budget. Committee Members then discussed different options for purple flowers or vegetables that could replace or compliment the previously chosen Flower of the Year.

MOTION:

THAT the Flower of The Year be changed to Purple Beans and Alyssums and that the Committee promote Osteospermums throughout the year.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diane Zundel
SECONDER:	Romana Kashif
FOR:	Jefferies, Kashif, McMillan, Meyer, Zundel
ABSENT:	Cardinal, King, Riel

4.2. **Nominate your Neighbour Summer Program**

Chair Helen Meyer gave a brief overview of the Nominate your Neighbour Summer Program noting that the program will take place from June 15th - August 15th.

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided a brief overview of the Miracle Gro Best Garden Selection Program noting that she will submit the application on behalf of the RMWB prior to March 1, 2023.

4.3. Community Gardening Day

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave a brief overview of National Gardening Day which is on June 17th. Committee Members discussed having a local Community Gardening Day and how that would look, including gardening tours, locations for planting gardens, and various themes.

With Consensus of the Committee, a Community Gardening Day will take place on June 3, 2023

4.4. Communities in Bloom End of Year Report Update

Chair Helen Meyer noted that the Committee's year-end report will be presented to Council at the April 11th Council Meeting. The request to present to Council will need to be submitted through Legislative Services for approval by March 31st.

4.5. Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Updates

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, gave a brief overview of the draft agenda for the Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards Event, noting different ideas for venues, accommodations, tours, speakers, seminars, and award nights.

4.6. Roundtable

No items were discussed during roundtable.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Chair