

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held at the South Operations Centre in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, June 22, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair, Public-At-Large
Romana Kashif, Public-At-Large
Lindsey King, Public-At-Large (via MS Teams)
Diane Zundel, Public-At-Large
Kendrick Cardinal, Councillor (via MS Teams)

Absent:

Destiny Jefferies, Public-At-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-At-Large
Tammy Riel, Public-At-Large

Administration:

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

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:	Diane Zundel
SECONDER:	Romana Kashif
FOR:	Kashif, King, Meyer, Zundel
ABSENT:	Jefferies, McMillan, Riel

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - May 25, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on May 25, 2023 be approved as presented.

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

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Community Gardening Day Review

Helen Meyer, Chair, provided an overview of the Community Gardening Day event that took place on May 27, 2023, noting that it was a successful event, with over 70 people in attendance.

It was further noted that Doug Barnes Cabin has been pre-booked as a location for the 2024 Community Gardening Day.

4.2. 2024 Flower of the Year Updates

Committee Members discussed the various flower options in consideration of selecting the 2024 Flower of the Year, it was noted that the intention is to announce the 2024 Flower of the Year during the 2023 Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards.

MOTION:

THAT the Communities in Bloom 2024 Flower of the Year be kept private and announced during the 2023 Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards.

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

4.3. 2024 Committee Goals and Objectives

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted preparations for the 2024 budget assignments are underway, it was requested that Committee Members share their programming ideas for 2024, by end of July 2023.

4.4. Nominate your Neighbour Summer Program Updates

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Nominate your Neighbour Summer Program noting that it will take place June 15, 2023 - August 15, 2023 and advised that due to the State of Local Emergency in the region, there were delays with launching the program. The program will kick off on June 28, 2023, and as an appreciation to nominations, upon receipt of nomination submissions, Committee Members will deliver recognition packages to the nominees and take a photo. It was also noted that condominiums, patios and businesses are all included in the properties that can be nominated.

It was further noted that the Committee is a recipient of the Miracle Gro Best Garden Selection Program and have 12 prize packages for distribution. It was determined that nominees will be entered into the draw and throughout the program, prize recipients will be selected at random.

4.5. Committee Summer Meeting Schedule

With consensus of the Committee, the regular Committee meeting scheduled for the month of July will be cancelled and the next regular meeting will be held on August 24, 2023.

4.6. Communities in Bloom Symposium Updates

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted that the Committee will be receiving 2,800 orange tulip bulbs to be planted prior to the Communities in Bloom Symposium and Awards, and noted that orange will be the 2024 flower colour of the year. It was advised that further updates will be provided in August and that volunteer positions for the Symposium will be provided to Committee members to select their preferences, and that registration to attend the symposium will open in the upcoming weeks.

4.7. Roundtable

There were no items discussed during roundtable.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Chair