

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, May 27, 2021, commencing at 12:00 AM.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Helen Meyer,
Ayesha Malik,
Johnny Dulku,
Qasim Malik,
Victoria Ganace,
Nicole McMillan,

Absent:

Destiny Jefferies,

Administration:

Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Destiny Hilliard,
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Stephen Fudge, Manager, Parks

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Communities in Bloom Committee - Meeting - Apr 22, 2021 12:00 AM

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, Malik, Dulku, 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 Liferforce 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. 4227 : 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.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer

Minutes of a Meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee held Via Electronic Communications, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, April 22, 2021, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Helen Meyer, Chair
Destiny Jefferies, Public-at-Large
Johnny Dulku, Public-at-Large
Victoria Ganace, Public-at-Large
Nicole McMillan, Public-at-Large
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor

Absent:

Qasim Malik, Vice Chair
Ayesha Malik, Public-at-Large

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Helen Meyer, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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

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3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1. **Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting - March 25, 2021**

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting held on March 25, 2021 be accepted as presented.

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

4. **New and Unfinished Business**

4.1. **Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program - DRIP (Planning and Development)**

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Susan Frampton, Planner III, and Jennifer Wardle, Planer III, Planning and Development, provided an update on Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program (DRIP) which was approved by Council at their April 13, 2021 meeting. It was noted that grant applications opened on April 19, 2021 and can be submitted online through the Municipal website. Further discussion was held regarding opportunities to collaborate with the Communities in Bloom Committee.

4.2. **Timberlea Public School Garden**

Helen Meyer, Chair, provided feedback about the meeting held with Timberlea Public School Council as there was interest in seeds for the school's community gardening boxes. It was noted that the school was provided with leftover seed packets from 2019 and will be provided with the 2021 Flower of The Year seeds when available. She also presented a drafted letter that will be sent to other schools in the community promoting the 2021 Flower of The Year.

The Committee discussed ways of distributing seeds to all interested schools in accordance with the current COVID-19 restrictions.

4.3. **igNIGHT Presentation Updates**

Helen Meyer, Chair, provided feedback on "The Flower of The Year" presentation at the April 8th igNIGHT artist information session, noting that the presentation included Communities in Bloom 2021 initiatives, Flower of the Year information, gardening tips, Communities in Bloom background information, and community gardening information.

4.4. Community Clean Up Campaign

Victoria Ganace, Committee Member, spoke to her interest in the Communities in Bloom Committee becoming involved in the Municipal community clean-up program that runs from April to October and indicated that it would raise awareness for the Committee and contribute to the community’s beautification. It was noted that registration for community cleanup, school cleanup and rural cleanup is available on the Municipal website.

4.5. Nominate Your Neighbour

Nominate Your Neighbour commences on June 15. The Committee discussed ways to encourage participation from rural and urban residents, as well as local businesses.

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, noted that the Communities in Bloom Committee is a recipient for the Miracle Gro Best Garden Selection program, and will be receiving twelve gardening packages to be given out to the community. Through discussion and consensus of the Committee, the prizes will be given away by random bi-weekly/weekly draws for homes and businesses that were recognized in the Nominate your Neighbour summer program.

Helen Meyer, Chair, noted that as Chair, she has been invited to an interview on “Fort McMurray Matters”, airing on Mix 103.7 on Friday, April 30, to discuss Communities in Bloom and the Nominate Your Neighbor program to help promote the Committees initiatives.

4.6. MOTION

THAT Communities in Bloom participate in an interview on Friday, April 30th with “Fort McMurray Matters” to promote the Nominate Your Neighbour program.

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

4.7. Flower of The Year Seed Distribution Updates

Seville Kwan, Department Administrator, provided an update on the Flower of The Year seeds noting that the seeds have arrived and once the packets arrive, the Committee will begin packaging and distribution.

It was noted that due to the increased COVID-19 cases in the Region, the seed distribution booth planned to take place at the Urban Market on April 25 has been

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cancelled by Administration and Committee members. It was noted that further discussions will occur with respect to replacing the seed distribution event with others, and developing baskets of seeds for interested organizations and businesses.

With consensus, the Communities in Bloom Committee supports Administration moving forward with distributing seeds to school's within in the Region.

With consensus the Communities in Bloom Committee supports Administration to inquire including Flower of The Year seed packets with community clean-up packages during the month of May.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Chair