



COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MARCH 7, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. Kingsville, Arena

PRESENT: Carol Dunn, Chair
Thomas Neufeld, Council Liaison
Heather Crewe

Janet Willoughby, Administrative Support
Kristen Jeffs, Staff Liaison (Acting)

Jesse Towle, Volunteer

ABSENT: Alan Batke, Vice Chair
Carolyn Smith

A. CALL TO ORDER

Carol Dunn called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- C. Dunn reminded the Committee that any declaration is to be made prior to items being discussed and to identify the nature of the conflict, if any, as the agenda items come forward.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Heather requested that Sacred Healing Garden be added to the New and Unfinished Business portion of the agenda.

D. STAFF REPORTS - Kristen Jeffs

- a. Bee City Update** – Karen L. and Carol met with a representative from Bee City Canada who advised them of additional resources available, including a municipal handbook, to support Kingsville's Bee Friendly City initiatives.
- b. Committee Vacancies** – Member vacancies for CIB, and other town committees have been posted to the Kingsville.ca website, and 1-page posters have been put up in several locations around town.



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- c. **Working Groups** – Staff inquired whether any CIB working groups have been formed. [*as per the February 7, 2023 meeting minutes, given the small numbers of active members on the committee, it was decided to temporarily go with ad hoc task forces to conduct the work of the committee*]
- d. **Seedy Saturday** – Staff has put together supplies to be displayed and/or given out at the CIB table during the Horticultural Society's Seedy Saturday event on March 11th.
- e. **Administrative Feedback re CIB Judge's Suggestions** – Karen L. will book one-on-one meetings with appropriate staff to discuss the judge's suggestions.
- f. **Pumpkin Parade Pathway Solar Lights** – Staff researched prices for solar LED stake lights to line the pathway during the pumpkin parade. Packages of 6 cost \$26.98 + tax and shipping. 102 lights would cost \$518.29 including tax and shipping.
- g. **Self-watering Planters and Baskets** – Staff reported that some of the planters on Main St, which are currently contracted to fill and maintain, are self-watering. Staff will confirm with the Manager of Parks and Facilities whether any of the hanging baskets are self-watering.

The staff report was received as presented.

Moved by Heather Crewe

Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

CARRIED

E. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes — February 7, 2023

The minutes of the CIB meeting on February 7, 2023 were accepted as written.

Moved by Heather Crewe

Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

CARRIED

F. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Work Plan Review

a. Seedy Saturday Volunteers

The following people volunteered to assist at the CIB table at the Seedy Saturday event being held on March 11th at the Unico Centre.

Supplies for the CIB table will include CIB and Town literature, seed bookmarks, and No Mow signs.

9:00 – 3:00	Janet Willoughby	set up and tear down
9:00 – 12:30	Thomas Neufeld	
10:00 – 12:00	Carol Dunn	
12:30 – 3:00	Jesse Towle	
1:30 – 3:00	Carol Dunn	

b. CIB Dances

CIB will hold two more dances at the Grovedale in 2023: May 5, 2023 and a fall dance, either on September 15 or October 13, 2023. The fall date will be confirmed at a subsequent meeting.

- ACTION – Thomas will book entertainment for the May dance
- ACTION – Carol will obtain contact information for a good local entertainer who recently performed at Kingsville Brewery.
- ACTION – Staff to check the liquor and beer supplies for the May dance, and replenish as required

Moved by Heather Crewe

Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

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c. Zoom Speaker on Invasive Species – Carol Dunn

There will be a featured speaker in a virtual presentation on Invasive Species, to be held during the evening of April 27. Ms. Johnson is a member of the Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation. Her talk will include the identification of invasive plants and their impact on the environment.

The session will be free to attend and open to gardeners, and people with an interest in nature and pollinators.

- ACTION – Carol to confirm the date and time with Lorraine Johnson

- ACTION – Karen L. to promote the Zoom presentation and arrange for the Zoom logistics

Moved by Thomas Neufeld
Seconded by Heather Crewe

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d. Educational Event

The event will be called “**Get In Touch With Nature**” and will be held at the Grovedale on Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The **keynote speaker** from 11:00 a.m. to noon will be Lorraine Johnson, representing the Canadian Coalition for Invasive Plant Regulation. Ms. Johnson is based in Toronto. She will be offered \$400 to cover her honorarium, transportation and meals. CIB will book and pay for her accommodation. \$150 has been allocated for this purpose.

Moved by Thomas Neufeld
Seconded by Heather Crewe

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Other elements of the event include additional speakers, refreshments, and exhibitors.

Speakers and topics being considered include:

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| • Source Water Protection (Water Quality) | ERCA (Dr. Katie Stammler) |
| • <i>Phragmites Australis</i> | Ken Vegh (or alternate) |
| • Raising Bees | Dr. Tony Braithwaite |
| • Trees of Lakeside Park + tour | Alan Batke |

Additional speakers and topic suggestions are welcome.

- ACTION – Clr. Neufeld will request assistance from ERCA regarding speakers and topics.

Moved by Heather Crewe
Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

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Exhibitors

- ACTION – Janet Willoughby will contact vendors and exhibitors from the May 1, 2022 Year of the Garden event to invite them to participate again this year.

Moved by Thomas Neufeld
Seconded by Heather Crewe

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Refreshments

Coffee and tea, plus snacks such as muffins and similar purchased baked goods will be offered for sale.

e. Pollinator Gardens at Old Cemeteries

This project is on hold pending further discussions with Shaun Martinho, Manager of Public Works.

f. ERCA Greenway Project

CIB will clean up our sections of the Greenway (i.e. Lansdowne Ave. to Park St) on Earth Day, April 22, 2023 and on September 23, 2023.

The rendezvous point and time for April 22 will be determined at the CIB meeting on April 4, 2023. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided by the Town.

g. Sacred Healing Garden – Heather

Heather has had a preliminary discussion with Carrie Ann Peters, Caldwell First Nation. An in person meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023, to explore their interest in partnering with CIB to establish a Sacred Healing Garden at Lakeside Park.

h. Storybook Trail – Janet

The lower pathway at Lakeside Park below the Peace Garden was identified as a potential site for the storybook trail.

- **ACTION** – Janet will speak with a librarian at the Kingsville branch to discuss suitable children's books with an environmental theme for the featured storybook.

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Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

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i. Mindfulness Pathway – Jesse

Jesse will discuss a potential collaboration with Jordan Scott-Trepanier at Estate of Health to establish a Meditation Pathway.



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G. NEXT MEETING DATE

1. The next meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee will take place on April 4, 2023 at Kingsville Arena – Room C @ 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Moved by Heather Crewe

Seconded by Thomas Neufeld

CARRIED

CHAIR, Carol Dunn

**RECORDING SECRETARY,
Heather Crewe**