



COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

September 5, 2023 – 6:00 P.M
Kingsville Arena – Room C
1741 Jasperson Drive, Kingsville

PRESENT: Carol Dunn
Janet Willoughby
Councillor Thomas Neufeld
Karen Loney, Staff Liaison
Heather Crewe, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Karin Sonnenberg
Alan Batke
Jessica Towle

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, C. Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:29 P.M.

B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Chair reminded the Committee of their duty to disclose any pecuniary interests as they arise.

C. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Date of Getting In Touch With Nature event

The previous motion was to have the event on May 5, 2024, but not all vendors can attend May 5, 2024.

Councillor Thomas Neufeld motioned to rescind the motion from June 6, 2023 “THAT the Grovedale Arts and Culture Centre be reserved for Sunday, May 5, 2024 to hold another *Get In Touch With Nature* event.” and host the event on Sunday May 26, 2024.

**Moved by Councillor Thomas Neufeld
Seconded Heather Crewe**

Carried



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2. CIB Dances and Dates
 - a. Reviewed 2024 dates

**Moved by Janet Willoughby
Seconded Heather Crewe**

THAT the CIB 2024 dances be held on Feb 9, 2024, September 20, 2024, and November 8, 2024.

CARRIED

3. Webinars – not discussed

D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes— June 6, 2023

**Moved by Councillor Thomas Neufeld
Seconded by Janet Willoughby**

**THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated June 6, 2023
BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED

E. STAFF REPORTS

Karen Loney provided an update on the Migration Festival, including a request for additional volunteers to help during the festival.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. CIB Dance – September 15, 2023
 - a. Janet Willoughby and Carol Dunn to attend
 - b. Karen Loney will try to recruit additional volunteers
2. Guided Meditation Walks
 - a. Reviewed designs
3. Pumpkin parade
 - a. Reviewed the logistics of the Pumpkin Parade
Councillor Thomas Neufeld suggested that four lawn signs be purchased to advertise the event.
4. Parades – Migration Fall Festival and Fantasy of Lights
 - a. Reviewed the parade but determined not to enter



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5. Invasive Species Grant
The Grant is due May 2024. Carol to convene a meeting to investigate options for Kingsville and bring back recommendations to the December 2023 meeting
6. Storybook Trail
 - a. No update
7. Yellow Fish
 - a. Councilor Neufeld has arranged for yellow fish painting to take place on September 26, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.; meeting at Cottam United Church with the Scouts to complete a street clean-up and paint fish.
8. Non-invasive plants at the cemeteries.
 - a. Councilor Neufeld is working with Director Shaun Martinho, who will identify appropriate locations at Greenhill Cemetery. The CIB Committee can then determine what type of flowers would be best suited.
9. Judges' comments
 - a. Discussed that the process of judging is labour intensive.

Moved by Janet Willoughby

Seconded by Councillor Thomas Neufeld

THAT Kingsville does NOT enter the CIB National competition in 2024.

CARRIED

10. Tree planting budget
 - a. To ask Alan Batke to arrange a commemorative tree
 - b. Discussed that in 2024 to investigate a tree planting program to recognize new births in Kingsville.
11. Greenway Clean Ups – October 18, 2023
12. Native Seed Grant <https://www.pollinator.org/native-seed-grants>
 - a. Submitted grant application but was declined.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

OCTOBER 3, 2023 6:00 P.M



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H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Thomas Neufeld
Seconded by Janet Willoughby

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:00 PM.

CHAIR, Carol Dunn

RECORDING SECRETARY, Heather Crewe