



COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

November 7, 2023 / 6:00 P.M.
Kingsville Arena – Room C
1741 Jasperson Drive, Kingsville

PRESENT: Carol Dunn
Alan Batke
Jessica Towle
Janet Willoughby
Councillor Thomas Neufeld

Karen Loney, Staff Liaison
Heather Crewe, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Karin Sonnenburg

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, C. Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. Budget

K. Loney reported on the funds remaining in the 2023 CIB budget. Some of the funds have already been allocated for the purchase of a native species tree and plaque.

Moved by J. Willoughby

Seconded by H. Crewe

That K. Loney purchase shirts with the CIB logo for Committee members and door prizes.

CARRIED

D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Approval of the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2023 was deferred to the next meeting.

E. STAFF REPORTS

1. K. Loney reported on plans for the Santa Claus Parade, Festival of Lights and related Christmas season activities for integration with CIB.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Pumpkin Parade

The Committee debriefed the successes of the 2023 Pumpkin Parade and discussed preliminary plans for the 2024 parade.

2. Meditation Trail

J. Towle provided an update on the signage and links to audio recordings for the Meditation Trail. The trail will be officially launched in conjunction with the Committee's *Get Back To Nature* community event on May 26, 2024.

3. Invasive Species Grant

The Committee received a report on the recommendations of the task force that investigated the feasibility of applying in 2024 for a grant being offered by the Invasive Species Centre to help support the monitoring and management of invasive species in Ontario.

4. Library and Pollinator Week

The Committee discussed potential activities to help support the 2024 Pollinator Week being organized by the local library branch.

5. CIB Green Cities Foundation Grant

The Committee discussed the feasibility of pursuing a grant being offered through the national Communities in Bloom office in support of the Green Cities Foundation.

6. Cemetery Pollinator Garden

The Committee discussed next steps toward establishing one or two small pollinator gardens in Greenhill Cemetery.

7. CIB November Fundraiser Dance

The Committee finalized planning and promotion details regarding the next CIB Fundraiser Dance, which will take place on Friday, November 24, 2024 at the Grovedale Arts and Culture Centre.

G. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee will take place on February 6, 2024 at Kingsville Arena, Room C, at 6:00 p.m.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Moved by Councillor T. Neufeld

Seconded by J. Towle

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR, Carol Dunn

RECORDING SECRETARY, Heather Crewe