



COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

April 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Kingsville Arena – Room C
1741 Jasperson Drive, Kingsville

PRESENT: Carol Dunn, Chair
Alan Batke
Heather Crewe, Recording Secretary
Councillor Thomas Neufeld
Karin Sonnenberg
Jessica Towle
Janet Willoughby

Karen Loney, Staff Liaison

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, C. Dunn called the meeting to order 5:05 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. The Committee approved its 2024 Work Plan.

Moved by H. Crewe

Seconded by Councillor Neufeld

THAT the 2024 Communities in Bloom Work Plan be approved for implementation by the Committee.

CARRIED

2. The Committee discussed delaying the launch of its fundraising sale of rain barrels to avoid direct competition with another local organization's similar efforts.

D. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2024 were approved.

Moved by J. Willoughby

Seconded by K. Sonnenberg

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated March 5, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. K. Loney, Manager of Recreation Programs and Special Events reported on the following:
 - a. A reminder to CIB Members that Event Templates are required for all planned 2024 Committee events and projects.
 - b. Committee members are invited to attend the Town of Kingsville's Volunteer Appreciation dinner. The dinner will take place at the Grovedale Arts and Culture Centre on April 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
 - c. Ribbon Cutting for the new Meditation Trails will take place at the Mettawas Greenway at a date to be announced soon. The Mayor and Council will be invited.
 - d. Ribbon Cutting for the pollinator gardens planted by CIB at Greenhill Cemetery will take place during Pollinator Week in June.
 - e. Staff is reviewing CIB events and projects to determine how best to represent the Committee's events and activities on the Kingsville.ca website.
 - f. A base for the CIB teardrop flag was purchased, allowing it to be displayed both indoors and out.
 - g. Thirty long-sleeved T-shirts have been ordered for CIB Committee members. The Town's logo and the CIB logo will be on the sleeves, with the artwork for



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the Kingsville mural printed on the back. The colour of the T-shirts will be confirmed.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Seedy Saturday, March 23, 2024, Unico Centre

J. Willoughby reported that the event was well attended and the CIB booth attracted many visitors. Leftover milkweed seeds were donated to the Horticultural Society.

2. Committee Review of the Judge's Comments

The Committee's review of the Judge's Comments from the 2022 National CIB Competition are noted in the Appendix to these minutes.

Moved by J. Willoughby

Seconded by K. Sonnenberg

THAT permission be requested from Council for Kingsville to compete in the 2025 National CIB Competition.

CARRIED

3. Cemetery Pollinator Garden

C. Dunn reported that the plots for transplanting the pollinator plants are cleared and now ready for planting. These will be supplemented by purchased plants. Planting will take place at 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on two dates: May 15 and May 22. Available CIB members should meet at the cemetery, which is located at 54 Macdonald St., Kingsville. CIB members are reminded to bring their own gardening gloves and planting tools.

4. Meditation Trail

The recorded meditations linked to the QR codes on the trail signs are being tested and finalized. Jordan Scott, owner of the Estate of Health, and partner in the creation of the recorded meditations, will be invited to join us in celebrating the launch of the meditation trails.

5. ***Get in Touch With Nature***, May, 26, 2024, 10:00 to 2:00, Grovedale Promotion of this annual CIB event has begun. The speakers are confirmed, and exhibitors are being confirmed. Mayor Dennis is confirmed to deliver the opening remarks.
6. **Pollinator Week**
The Committee will mark Pollinator Week, June 17 to 23, 2024, with two events:
1. a ribbon cutting ceremony to announce the planting of native flowers at Greenhill Cemetery to support pollinator habitat; and 2. unveiling of the Meditation Trail sign at the Mettawas Greenway.
7. **Recording Secretary**
K. Sonnenberg has agreed to take on the duties of Recording Secretary for the Committee, effective May 7, 2024. Ms. Sonnenberg will replace the current Recording Secretary, Ms. Crewe, who announced that she will be stepping down.

F. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Communities in Bloom Committee will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., Room C, Kingsville Arena.

G. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by J. Willoughby
Seconded by K. Sonnenberg**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m..

CARRIED

CHAIR, Carol Dunn

RECORDING SECRETARY, Heather Crewe