

# **MINUTES**

# COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE THURSDAY, JUNE 22 @ 3:00 P.M. Municipal Office, 2021 Division Rd. North, Kingsville

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Queen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. with the following Persons in attendance:

Councillor Thomas Neufeld - arrived at 3:04 P.M.

M. Tremaine-Snip

Joan Cope

A. Batke

K. Batke

J. Dupuis

Karen Wettlaufer - BIA Coordinator

M. Durocher - Manager of Parks and Rec Programs

Also present:

Tara Hewitt - Recording Secretary

Regrets:

Joan Washburn Liz Rogers

Sue Cosford

#### B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

When a member of the Committee has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any matter which is the subject of consideration at this Meeting of the Committee (or that was the subject of consideration at the previous Meeting of the Committee at which the member was not in attendance), the member shall disclose the pecuniary interest and its general nature, prior to any consideration of the matter. None were disclosed.

#### C. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

### NONE

# D. STAFF REPORTS

M. Durocher provided a verbal update on the progress of the Community Profile. She indicated the due date is June 28, 2017 before it goes to the printer. She also presented the committee with a handout of the 2016 CiB Ontario Criteria Awards. The committee expressed interest in applying to the following categories (if available in 2017):

Tidiness
Heritage Conservation
Floral Displays
Community Involvement
Youth Involvement

There was consensus to apply for the Heritage Conservation category. M. Durocher also reported that the sponsor signs are in her office and ready for pick up.

#### E. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes—June 1, 2017

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 1, 2017 meeting and they were approved without change.

Moved by J. Dupuis, seconded by M. Tremaine-Snip, to approve the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee meeting dated June 1, 2017.

**CARRIED** 

#### F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The committee provided follow-up on each action item from the previous meeting

- Professional Flyer Distribution ( Few for Each / BIA )
   M. Durocher reported that she is down a staff member so design work may be slower moving forward.
- Update on Plans / Confirmation Judges Accommodation
   It was confirmed that the Judges' Accommodations have been handled.
- Final Details for Judges Travel Plans
   There was discussion regarding the final details for the Judges' Travel Plans and M. Durocher reported plans will mirror previous years; arrival at noon, lunch at the park, and if they arrive early, the hotel will store their materials for them.
- Update on 55+ Expo
   A. Batke provided an update on the 55+ Expo and thanked everyone who helped with the booth. He also thanked M. Durocher for all of her efforts and reported there were many inquiries about beautification that day.

- Anti-Litter Program Update re: Donations & Update re Flyer Preparation for Distribution Including the Wording for the Release Form
   It was requested that the Why Litter Poster contest form include the addition of teacher's name, class and school, as many kids may not have an email address.
   A. Batke followed up about donation materials from Colasantis. He will request prizing for 6 or more classes. At the next meeting, the prizing list will be finalized.
   A. Batke offered to throw in \$100.00 grand prize from himself and K. Batke.
   Another recommendation was to allow the winner to ride the Fantasy Express
   Train. A few Town of Kingsville Frisbees will be included in the prize packs.
- Update if any re Lambton Shores Provincial Conference for CIB
   There was discussion regarding the Lambton Shores Provincial Conference for CIB and it was revealed that the ability to register is still pending.
- Review Judges Tour Route & Determine if a Clean-up may be Required just Days Prior
  - G. Queen requested committee input regarding a clean-up before the Judges' Tour. M. Durocher will have staff check the route and pathways the day of the tour for a final cleanup. It was requested that the Town also tidy the Yacht club weeds along the fence to the barrier.
- Update on Garden that Dropped Off
   A. Batke reported that, due to a series of unforeseen incidents, Barb Sisley has removed herself from the tour.
- Judges' Donation
  - J. Dupuis reported that the Willow Tree made a very generous donation for the Judge gift baskets.

## G. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 1. Notice of Motion

- a. Move or cause to have moved at the next meeting that the Community in Blooms Committee considers holding a Tree Bee in the upcoming year -M. Tremaine-Snip.
- M. Tremaine-Snip explained that a Tree Bee is like a spelling bee, but instead of spelling, children compete to identify trees. She outlined why this would be a wonderful way to increase our check marks in various categories. She identified a potential cost if t-shirts are provided to participants. Opportunities for partnership were discussed, and it was recommended that ERCA be approached to provide saplings. M. Tremaine-Snip spoke of timelines and K. Wettlaufer suggested tying this to the two trees planned for the four corners.

Moved by M. Tremaine-Snip, seconded by J. Cope, that the committee considers holding a Tree Bee in the upcoming year and M. Tremaine-Snip carries on with her research and keeps the committee updated.

CARRIED

- b. Move or cause to have moved at the next meeting that the Communities in Bloom Committee considers alternatives to water bottles at all future events M. Tremaine-Snip
- M. Tremaine-Snip urged the committee to consider alternatives to store bought water bottles at future events. Various alternatives were discussed, along with the cost and feasibility of each option. T. Neufeld recommended partnering with businesses on offering tap-water filling stations, like Union Water has done in the past.
- Moved by M. Tremaine-Snip, seconded by K. Batke, that the committee considers alternatives to water bottles at all future events.

**CARRIED** 

#### H. NEXT MEETING DATE

1. The date of the next Communities in Bloom Committee meeting is Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Municipal Office @ 4:00 p.m.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Cope, seconded by A. Batke, to adjourn this meeting at 3:41p.m.

**CARRIED** 

CHAIR, G. Queen

RECORDING SECRETARY, T. Hewitt