



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron
Communities in Bloom
Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Olde Town Hall - Verity Room

Members Present: Debbie Mountenay, Chair
 Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair
 Aaron Neeb, Council Representative
 Beth Cooper
 Glen Nicholson
 Cathy Seip

Member Regrets: George Wilson

Staff Present: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk,
 Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair Mountenay called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Agenda

Agenda was amended to add an update from Member Henderson on the Kirkton Fair under item 6 and to move the Work Plan Review to Item 10.

Motion: 22-2019

Moved: Cathy Seip

Seconded: Dorothy Henderson

That the Agenda for September 4, 2019 be approved, as amended.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General nature Thereof

None.

4. Minutes

The Committee asked the Clerk for clarification on bringing resolutions forward for Council consideration prior to the Committee approval of the draft minutes.

Motion: 23-2019

Moved: Aaron Neeb

Seconded: Glen Nicholson

The South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee adopts the minutes of July 3, 2019 as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Chair's Comments

Chair Mountenay asked the members why the Committee belongs to the Communities in Bloom Association and why do they compete. The Committee discussed the benefits of belonging to the association and the current status hanging baskets, weeds and watering of flowers in South Huron. The Committee noted that it is the job of the CIB to raise awareness and reach out to others and that this is important nationally and internationally.

Member Neeb updated the Committee on the issues with the hanging baskets this year.

The Committee discussed reaching out to Lucan to see if he would present how their program works. Chair Mountenay advised she will contact.

The Committee discussed the budget and the BIA budget for flowers and discussed reaching out to the BIA about possible collaborative opportunities and duplication. The Committee discussed identifying their role and capacity and challenges of an advisory group and embracing and promoting other groups.

6. Discussion

6.1 Kirkton Fair Update - Member Henderson

Member Henderson updated the Committee of the theme of Wheelbarrows and advised that they made displays of wheelbarrows, mums, bales, cornstalks, grasses, other flowers and preserves.

7. Budget Update - as of August 28, 2019

The Chair reviewed budget and noted that the workplan will help make a case for funding.

8. Communications

8.1 Yarmouth, Nova Scotia - Communities in Bloom - National Symposium on Parks and Grounds

8.2 Dixie Amerongen - Netherlands Liberation 75th Anniversary Tulips

Chair Moutenay provided a background on the request and added that this would be further discussed as part of the workplan.

9. New Business

Member Nicholson noted there are heritage items held by individuals of the community. The Committee discussed encouraging citizens to at least take pictures of the items to preserve for future generations.

10. Work Plan Review

10.1 Update on Terms of Reference Revisions

This item was deferred as the Committee is focusing on creating the workplan. The Committee asked to have the Communities in Bloom Mission Vision Statement attached to the agenda of the next meeting.

10.2 Creating a Work Plan - Projects, Strategies and Tactics

The Committee rated their top 5 priorities in the draft Work Plan and these are outlined in the attached High Priority Work Plan.

Committee asked the Clerk to provide clarification of sub-committees and insurance under their Terms of Reference. The Committee asked to bring back those items noted as medium priority on the work plan for discussion to next meeting.

Member Cooper left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: 24-2019

Moved: Aaron Neeb

Seconded: Glen Nicholson

That South Huron Communities in Bloom recommend to South Huron Council that they support the request for tulips for the 75th anniversary of Liberation of Netherlands; and

That the tulips are planted this fall at the Parkette.

Disposition: Carried

11. Adjournment

Motion: 25-2019

Moved: Aaron Neeb

Seconded: Cathy Seip

That South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at 8:19 p.m., to meet again on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 or at the call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Draft High Priorities Workplan Communities in Bloom for 2019-2020

September 4, 2019

What	How? (Strategy)	Who?	Timeline (?)	Status
High Priority				
Create a volunteer gardening club	The Committee discussed bringing in a Master Gardener to help identify some potential ideas and areas for the Committee to focus on. The group noted that if there was a member from Stephen, then the Committee would have a floral group that represents the whole municipality. The Committee discussed enhancing the work of municipal staff. The Committee will plan first and then look for volunteers. Next steps include contacting groups such as the Horticultural Society to see how they started their volunteer gardening clubs, do a press release and start promoting and invite Martin Quinn to do a presentation to the Committee.	Members Cooper and Henderson will take lead on contacting Mr. Quinn.	Fall/Winter 2019/2020	In progress
Recognition of 75 th anniversary of liberation of Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resolution made at September 4 CIB meeting to recommend support (orange/white tulips) b. Resolution to be submitted to Council for decision 	Megan Goss	September 2019	In progress

Work on “Welcome” signs at entrances to all communities but especially Exeter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hear report from Carla Goodfellow b. Make a workplan for spring 2020 <p>CIB noted they already have a garden work plan for the entrances and next steps are for the Volunteer Gardening Club to be set up</p>	Volunteer Gardening Club	Spring 2020	In progress
Annual Tree Sale	<p>Change of location and monitor to see if sales increase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIB noted they have a different target market for trees than ABCA 	Cathy Seip	Spring 2020	In progress
Initiate an annual “let’s clean-up-South Huron” day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engage 2 or 3 classes to canvas Exeter/Dashwood/Crediton/Huron Park to distribute bio-degradable plastic bags <p>Discussion on hosting an event on Earth day that would meet school curriculum and encourage youth participation by inviting local students and including providing speakers, transportation and meal</p>	<p>Kids (grade 7/8); partner with Eco-Club at high school</p> <p>Corporate sponsor to buy bags; special sticker and/or environmental info (eg. Where discounted composters and rain barrels are available)</p> <p>Who will take lead?</p>	Earth Day – Wednesday April 21 st	Not started