



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron

South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee

Agenda

**Wednesday February 13, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
Verity Room, Olde Town Hall**

Members:

Cathy Seip, Chair
Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair
Glen Nicholson
Beth Cooper
Aaron Neeb, South Huron Councillor
George Wilson
Debbie Mountenay
Mayor George Finch, Ex officio

Staff:

Scott Currie

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Agenda Update
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4.1 Minutes of the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting of November 14, 2018.

Recommendation:

That South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee adopts the minutes of November 14, 2018 as presented.

5. Discussion
 - 5.1 Election of new Chair and Vice Chair
 - 5.2 Registration for 2019 participation?
 - 5.3 Tree sale order for 2019
 - 5.4 Set meeting time and date for 2019
 - 5.5 Complete 2018 Evaluation form review

6. Communications

6.1 Heather MacKechnie, Exeter United Church re: Community Garden Project

7. New Business

- Recruitment of new committee members
- No Home Show in 2019

8. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at _____ p.m., to meet again at the call of Chair.

Item 6.1

From: Exeter United Church <exeterunitedchurch@gmail.com>

Date: January 4, 2019 at 9:38:06 AM EST

To: kmonk@abca.on.ca, Seip Cathy <cathyseip@hotmail.com>

Cc: Neeb Aaron <aaron.neeb@gmail.com>

Subject: Community Garden Project

Good morning,

I co-ordinate a Community Kitchen program which includes a monthly community meal and bi-weekly cooking group. Last summer we experimented with a small community garden project using raised planters in the Exeter United Church parking lot. We had a good response and we are now hoping to expand the community garden piece of our programming.

I have talked to Aaron Neeb and he suggested that I contact you both to see about partnering on this initiative. I am currently applying for a grant through the United Church of Canada for \$5000 to help with start up costs. Aaron has indicated that there may be further funding available through the municipality as follows:

I came across the Huron County Clean Water Project which is funded through the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority and the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. Some of the projects that they fund are related to education, community projects, cover crop projects etc.

On the surface it might be tough to justify a community garden project-but I wonder if partnering with Communities in Bloom and picking a spot in Exeter that needs erosion control or cover crops could be a project. Maybe somewhere along the river, the trail, or a vacant lot in town?

My thought is that there would be some education included with the project, about planting, soil preparation, harvesting and then cooking and preserving our crop. This would tie in with our existing Community Kitchen project. We are open to having one location or a few smaller locations to ensure that it is accessible to more people-a lot of the people currently in our program don't have access to transportation.

I have some volunteers who are enthusiastic to participate and will be working on engaging more people as the idea starts to take shape.

I would love to chat with you both and hear your thoughts and ideas. Please let me know if ABCA or Communities in Bloom would have any interest in working with us on this initiative.

Peace,

Heather MacKechnie
Administrator



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