



A meeting of the **Stratford Communities in Bloom Committee (CIB)** was held on the above date at 12:00 p.m. – City Hall Annex, 82 Erie Street, Stratford ON – Avon Room

Present: Councillor Brad Beatty – Chair Presiding, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Jo-Anne Russell, *Susan Wright, *Carys Wyn Hughes, Katherine Gunnel Gavin, Paul Smith, Cindy Carlson, *Barb Hacking, *Kimberly Richardson,

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Beatty called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – May 8, 2019

Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Kimberly Richardson to adopt the previous minutes dated May 8, 2019 as printed. Carried.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Home Hardware Day Update

Councillor Beatty reported that Home Hardware Day went well, despite the weather. Another year the committee will arrange for a 10X10 cover to have on hand either for rain or for shade.

b) CIB Communications – Susan Wright

Susan Wright will continue working on this project after the CIB judging is complete.

c) Grade 3 Garden Update – Councillor Beatty

Councillor Beatty updated the committee that the flowerbed has been planted. Unfortunately, the grade 3 students were not able to join Community Services staff to do the planting. Barb Hacking has arranged to do a planting with the Grade 3's at Avon School.

*Barb Hacking and Carys Wyn Hughes now present (12:20 p.m.)

d) Citizen Recognition Signs – Carys Wyn Hughes

Carys Wyn Hughes and Barb Hacking explained that they are combining their CIB recognition signs with the national CIB program. The national program supplies prizes, such as fertilizer, for winners. People can nominate themselves or someone else. They will roll out the program in July on social media, the local newspaper and possibly some radio coverage.

e) Grant Funding Update – Barb Hacking

Barb Hacking reported that CIB did not receive the TD Friends of the Environment grant they applied for. She suspects it may be because it hasn't been a year since their last application. She has also applied for a Canadian Wildlife Federation grant, but has not heard from them yet.

f) Grade 4/5 Planting at Pollinator Pathway – Barb Hacking

Barb Hacking updated the committee that the Grade 4's and 5's at Hamlet School who raised funds to plant a tree at the pollinator pathway will plant the tree later this fall, due to wet weather this spring. Ms. Hacking will make arrangements with the teacher in September.

g) Ted Blowes Garden Sign – Barb Hacking

Barb Hacking shared with the committee a proof of the proposed sign. Ms. Hacking will contact the Parks Manager to verify if photography acknowledgements are acceptable on park signs. She will also have the CIB logo added to the sign.

h) CIB 25th Anniversary Garden – Councillor Beatty

Councillor Beatty has confirmed that Community Services has given CIB a permanent garden down near the Avon River to commemorate the 25 years that Stratford has participated in Communities in Bloom. The garden is located near the boat house. Members discussed what sort of sign they would like placed in the garden and what should be included on it. Barb Hacking will look into costs and circulate a proof to members.

Motion by Jo-Anne Russell, seconded by Kimberly Richardson that the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee spends up to a maximum of \$1,000.00 to purchase a sign to place in the 25th Anniversary CIB garden. Carried.

i) Updates on CIB Judging – Councillor Beatty

- Please send your sections for the profile book to Susan Wright for editing in the next week. Any additional photos would be helpful to update the book. Ms. Wright will contact some photographers for photos as well.
- Councillor Beatty reviewed the draft itinerary.

- He noted that Stratford is the last community the international judges are visiting.
- **July 15th** – Councillor Beatty will pick up the judges at their Toronto hotel on July 15th around 10:00 a.m.
- When the judges arrive in Stratford, they will check in and have lunch with the Mayor and committee members at the hotel.
- Following lunch they will do the boat tour, unveil the sign at the new CIB garden and have an anniversary garden dedication.
- Following the dedication – carriage tour, driving tour at various stops, market square visit, back to hotel, dinner on patio at hotel.
- After dinner, members and judges will walk down for opening night of Summer Music and fireworks.

*Susan Wright no longer present (1:05 p.m.)

- **July 16th** – Breakfast with Parks Board, then flight over Stratford, drive tour, lunch at Agriplex with SLAAA and tour, visit museum and archives.
- Back to hotel so judges have time to do their evaluation.
- Dinner (Chef School?) and theatre performance.

*Kimberly Richardson no longer present (1:10 p.m.)

- **July 17th** – Breakfast, Shakespeare garden tour, Stratford Festival garden tour, visit new Tom Patterson Theatre construction site.
- Followed by a farewell picnic in the park.
- Add new hospice information into slide show
- Carys Wyn Hughes will contact Stuart Arkett to inquire about bee discussion at hotel
- Carys Wyn Hughes and Barb Hacking will arrange pop-ups (actors/dancers)
- Carys Wyn Hughes will book the bandshell

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

6.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- CIB Judging July 15-17, 2019

7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – Thurs. July 11, 2019 – 12 p.m. – Mansbridge Rm. (Rotary)

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Carys Wyn Hughes, seconded by Barb Hacking to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Time: 1:20 p.m.