



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron
South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Verity Room, Olde Town Hall

Members Present:

Cathy Seip, Chair
Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair
Beth Cooper
Glen Nicholson
Craig Hebert, South Huron Councillor

1. Meeting Called to Order

Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Verity Room at the Olde Town Hall.

2. Agenda Update

5.4 Communities in Bloom Profile Book
5.5 Judges
5.6 MacLean's Partnership
5.7 Community Garden
5.8 Projects

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the South Huron Community in Bloom Committee Meeting of April 5, 2017.

Motion: 05-2017
Moved: C. Hebert
Seconded: G. Nicholson

That the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting are hereby approved as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Discussion

5.1 Barn Quilt Trail Event

Barn Quilt information night was held at the Exeter Library on April 13. Two

dozen people showed up and 15 participants have signed up so far. Each participant is required to do a write up about their board for the Tail Quilt brochure.

Pauline McFadden has booked Stephen Arena for painting the Barn Quilt. Jenni Boles is looking into a kid's workshop being held at the library.

All 10 of the Barn Quilts have been primed. There is a partnership with MacLean's for 30% off paint. We would like to get a picture with MacLean's with one of the Barn Quilts.

5.2 2017 Tree Sale

We broke even on the tree sale. There are 2 or 3 people interested in the number of leftovers.

0 Autumn Blaze Maple, 10 White Cedars, 18 Service Berry, 9 Bur Oak, 9 Sycamore and 80 seedlings were left.

Glen would like the seedlings or plugs for Port Blake. Planting at Port Blake will need to be approved by the water treatment plant.

5.3 Adopt a Highway

Exeter Cubs, along with Dorothy Henderson, and Tom and Cathy Seip, did a great job picking up the garbage.

Litter lifters were given to the Cubs for helping.

5.4 Profile Book

Dorothy did some research on the profile of our community using Stats Canada.

Dorothy provided an outline of the profile book.

The outline was reviewed. There is a new heading this year, Creating Space for All Ages. Only new things will be put in the 2017 Profile Book.

Things to be added:

- Home Lifestyle Show partnership
- Policy of Vandalism
- The Electric Plug-Ins for cars (2 in town)
- Example of Energy Projects i.e. Seasonal Controller
- Cultural Collective Committee looking moving the Farmer's Market to MacNaughton Park
- Two-for-One Tree planting policy needs to be finalized. Currently, we are following as best practices.

- Red and White Garden Contest - \$1,000 donation from Council (\$600 for prize and \$400 for advertising)

5.5 Judges

The Judges (one is from Newfoundland and one is from Quebec) are coming July 23 and 24. The Gregory Bed and Breakfast has been booked for them to stay.

Craig will drive the same route, with some changes, as last year.

5.6 MacLean's Partnership

Jeff needs a bill for the Home Show booth. Dave will look after sending an invoice for Foyer (\$300).

As part of the partnership with MacLean's, we will be using paint and wood from them for the Barn Quilt. We will receive a 30% discount there. If we need any other supplies, we are to go to MacLean's for them.

5.7 Community Garden

Craig is going to work with the CAO to find land.

Our idea is to plant seed potatoes or a root crop and then donate what we harvest to the food bank.

Interest has been shown by Jenn Keller on helping start a garden that allows others in the community to "have access good gardening space" and "perhaps teach families how to care for a garden."

5.8 Projects

(A) We distributed seeds to the public at the Home Show. We are going to get some more out by putting up some posters and having the packets available at different locations, i.e. Hall, Library, Community Services Office.

(B) We want to make the Downtown Parkette a destination spot. The design is in the works. Design will need council's approval and the mosaic benches are in plan. Our goal is overall improving the landscape areas with enhancements to some of the features and addition of new focal points. We want to use volunteers as much as possible.

The new design will include safety features to prevent people from walking thru the lower flowerbed. Ideas were discussed on how to improve the safety of the area, i.e. obstacles or barriers to prevent people from walking thru.

(C) For Canada's 150th celebration, we have an idea to plant a new flowerbed at Town Hall in the shape of the Canadian flag. We will have the Canada 150 flag up behind it. We are also planning to do something

at the lagoon, i.e. red and white boards cut into 150 shape and arranged like the flag.

6. Communications

6.1 **Profile Book**

When does the Profile book need to be handed in? We need to let Dorothy know this. We need to add the goals of the CIB Committee to the Profile Book.

6.2 **Bees Matter and National Planting Week**

We are to receive 50 packs of seeds in the next few days. We can ask for more if we wish. National Planting Week is June 5th to June 12th.

Correspondence

1. **CIB Invitation Letter**

We have been invited to attend the 23rd Edition of the Communities in Bloom Symposium & Awards in Ottawa, September 13th – 16th. The same letter has been sent to the Mayor.

2. **Operation ReLeaf Fort McMurray**

“Tree Canada Announces Major Investment To Restore Forest And Urban Greenspaces Destroyed By Fort McMurray Fires.”

If you would like to donate, receive more information, or read the Operation ReLeaf email sent to us, please let Dave know and he can pass it along.

3. **Volunteer Dinner**

The volunteer dinner will be held at the end of May. We need to check the date and know who is all invited.

7. Adjournment

Motion: 06-2017
Moved: B. Cooper
Seconded: D. Henderson

That the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at 8:15 p.m., to meet again on June 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Verity Room, Olde Town Hall or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Cathy Seip, Chair

David Athill, Recording Secretary

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