



## South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB) Minutes of Wednesday January 6, 2016 Meeting

*Attendees: Cathy Seip (chair), Craig Hebert, Dorothy Henderson, Lyndsey Baratta, Beth Cooper, Dave Atthill, Barb Potter*

### 1. Call to Order:

Cathy S. called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Verity meeting room located in the 322 Main Street in Exeter

Chairperson Cathy S. welcomed members, including new members Lyndsey Baratta, and Beth Cooper

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting, Wednesday December 2, 2015, were approved as circulated.

### 3. For Information

Discussion on what Communities in Bloom is about the entire community coming and working together to create a beautiful, thriving, safe and active municipality. Communities in Bloom are a wonderful opportunity to showcase both the beauty and spirit of our great municipality. South Huron Communities in Bloom is a small committee and should focus on one area each year.

National Registration is \$855.75. This will be submitted for payment to the Community Services Department once the registration form is received.

### 2016 Categories and Priorities:

#### Tidiness

- Litter lifter stickers will handed out next meeting to all committee members.
- Discussion on continuing to do adopt a highway

- Dorothy Henderson and Barb Potter provided update on entrance ways to communities in South Huron .The plan is to have 3 or 4 families look after each sign. List started and some contacts have been made. The letter does not need to be approved by council
- Huron park (Huron Village Green) playground fund raising and the Lions club project was discussed. Lyndsey to ask a member of the Lions to come to our meeting for update and networking.

### Environmental Action

- Discussed on environment goals, green component in Strategy plan and water conservation comments by judges from the evaluation report.
- Landfill recycling project with Bluewater recycling on hold. A goal of the Municipality is to divert garbage from the landfill site.
- Dorothy to ask Don Giberson about environmental actions in budget for 2016
- LED street light project started in 2015 for entire Municipality and is part of the Municipal energy plan.

### Heritage

- Marion Creery and Laurie Dykstra to provide heritage information profile book. Cathy to call Marion.

### Urban Forestry

- Linda to look after ordering for tree sale.
- Linda in charge of tree sale located at east Transportation shed
- Promotion of tree sale using social media and taking orders in advance of the end of February deadline. Dianne to look after social media promotion. Craig to ask if orders can go to Town hall office.
- Dorothy to do press release
- Cathy to contact My FM.
- Craig to contact papers.
- Tree policy to update by council. 2 trees planted for 1 cut down suggested. Dave to ask if trees being cut is being tracked what replanting policy is being followed

### Floral Displays

- Discussion on entranceways signs in all communities

- Questions on who picks flowers for barrels and downtown Exeter flowers?
- Problems with plant selection and care were discussed
- After meeting with BIA representative, CIB representative and Municipal staff it was decided that Plant Paradise will choose the flowers and has already ordered. Changes to training and monitoring of flower care will be improved in 2016.
- In the future the Municipality may order, care for and purchase flowers.

#### Landscaping

- The 2015 Evaluation form commented on the condition of McNaughton park benches, line trimming practices around trees, mulch use and weeding of flower beds.
- Craig reported that 8 benches have been repaired.

#### **4. New Business**


- Paul Ronan from Ontario Parks Association will visit Exeter for a presentation on April 5 (an evening open to the public) and April 6 (for Municipal staff training). Topic: Landscaping care
- Motion made by Barb to charge \$10 for presentation on Tuesday. Seconded by Lyndsey.
- Dorothy to set meeting with Canadian Tire owner to discuss having supplier displays for the event.
- The proceeds for the event should go toward 'Beautification of all Parks and facilities in South Huron.'
- What will the event be called was discussed.
- Cathy will ask for bio from Paul Ronan and send to Dorothy.
- Wednesday's event will be administrated by the Community Services Department which includes registration form production, receiving registrations and promotion of event through Municipal contacts.
- Looking for "give away items" ideas for event with a tree theme.
- Municipality of South Huron staff to register and pay for event as part of training budget.
- Communities in Bloom will host a BBQ lunch in the Exeter downtown Parkette to celebrate Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. This was supported by all members.
- Dorothy will create the Profile book this year. Niki was a great assistance last year and will hopefully help this year.

- Lindsey asked about a Garden tour and why they are being cancelled in other communities. Lindsey will ask if Crediton Optimist if they are interested in organizing a Garden Tour for South Huron area.
- A "Flea Market Theme" for the Wheel Barrel Display competition was discussed. Submission of pictures and more judges for the competition was also discussed.

## 5. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Barb P. at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will take place in Town Hall Verity meeting room on Wednesday February 3 at 6:30 pm.

  
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Chair, Cathy Seip

  
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Recording Secretary, Dave Atthill