

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM MINUTES NOVEMBER 6,2012-11-08

Present – Dave Atthill, Cathy Seip, Dianne Waun, Carol Dougall, Linda Tgahrt, MaryAnn Topp, Dorothy Henderson, Kelly Holtzmann, Samantha Dayman, Cathy Prance

Cathy welcomed new members and outlined the mandate for CIB for South Huron, our projects and our boundaries.

Balance - \$6851.08

The matter of extensive tree removal by Hydro One in Exeter was brought to our attention. Council has asked for a public meeting with Hydro One. Mature trees as well as recent plantings are targeted for removal, upsetting many homeowners.

Linda to look into tree sale for spring 2013 and to also see if Bluewater CIB would partner with us

Thames Rd Park Garden – Carol to see if a large rock could be incorporated into the welcome garden design. The plow which was in the library garden will be relocated to Thames Rd Park.

An Appreciation event for volunteers – Cathy checking with the BIA to coordinate

Cathy will be asking McLeans, Rona and trying Canadian Tire again for zinnia seeds. The litter lifter coupons which are sponsored by Tim Hortons will continue. This project needs more awareness.

Legacy bricks have been installed and continue to sell.

The benches for the library garden still need to be completed. The construction was delayed and Dave will check with the library to see if the Friends of the Library are still interested in contributing. Cathy will obtain the plans and pass onto Samantha

A letter that encourages store owners to keep their storefronts clean and tidy would help in the effort for all to look and present their best

Can the recycling and garbage containers be kept in place on mainstreet in key locations for winter to encourage proper garbage disposal?

Adopt A Highway - mark this date for cleanup - April 27,2013
Our section is from HMP to the Crediton Rd

Suggestions for projects

- new gardens developed ie Pryde Blvd garden in the green space
- adopt a garden or tree
- a place for children to garden
- is there a need for a community type garden
- yard competition ie wheelbarrow gardens (possible Optimist Club a partner)
- would the BIA run a seminar to help store owners with their window boxes/containers

Dave to check if boulevard gardens would be approved by the municipality

Carol to contact Charlie Dobbin about a seminar for late winter or early spring - topics to look at include starting up boulevard gardens, vegetable gardening (growing our own), an event that gets families gardening together, and a container workshop such as the wheelbarrow planter

Next meeting Tuesday December 4
Time and place - will let you know