

**South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB)**  
**Minutes of July 6, 2016 Meeting**

Attendees: Cathy Seip, Glen Nicholson, Dorothy Henderson, Beth Cooper.

Regrets: Dave Atthill, Craig Hebert, Bev Prout.

**1. Call to Order:**

- Cathy Seip called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Verity Room at the Municipal Office.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

- The minutes of the June 1 meeting were adopted by Beth Cooper and Glen Nicholson.

**3. Updates:**

- The butterfly garden at the Municipal Office is planted and mulched by Communities in Bloom volunteers and will continue to grow more beautiful as it fills in.
- The Communities in Bloom 2016 Profile book is complete and has been distributed to the national judges, Council members and the mayor. An additional 20 copies are being produced by South Huron staff for distribution to groups or individuals who partnered with CIB in the past year or who might benefit from having a copy (e.g. libraries).
- Cathy Seip will check with artist George Wilson on the painting of the donated rain barrels. It was agreed that these rain barrels will be used as prizes for a draw for those entering the “Upcycled Gardening” contest.
- South Huron staff has continued to work on the gardens at MacNaughton Park, which included spraying for tent caterpillars.
- The itinerary for the judges two-day visit (July 26, 27, 2016) was distributed. Minor changes were made to the order of visits. Cathy Seip invited members of CIB committee to join in as they wish.
- Several photos have been submitted for the Upcycling gardening. The Committee discussed and agreed to being more pro-active about obtaining submissions, that is, if we see an interesting article in a garden, ask the home/business owner if we can take a photo and submit it on their behalf.

- “Yard of the Week” signs have been distributed to Dashwood, Shipka, Exeter, Kirkton, Usborne Township, Grand Cove Estates, Huron Park and Crediton. After having the sign for a week, the recipient is invited to pass it along to another interesting/attractive garden. (Instructions are on the back of the signs.)
- Dashwood flowers have been received and planted. Glen Nicholson inquired as to why they had not received barrels. Cathy will check on that.
- The members of CIB committee brainstormed ideas for a guest list for a Thames Road Park BBQ with the judges on July 26. Many prospective guests have partnered with CIB in some year during the past year. Cathy Seip will issue e-vites, requesting an RSVP by July 20. The Thames Road Elimville Park Committee has agreed to cater the meal. Rain location is Thames Road- Elimville United Church.
- Since no one present at the meeting is able to attend the national CIB awards meetings in October in Saskatchewan, it was agreed that we will ask Lambeth Shores CIB to pick up our award.

#### **Partnership projects**

- Beth Cooper reported that the steel for the Thames Road Elimville Natural Park pavilion roof has been donated by Agway and, as soon as help can be organized, the roof will go up.

#### **Fundraising events**

##### **4. New businesses—Events or projects**

- The tender for the down town parkette closes on July 20, 2016.
- Some discussion occurred about planning for Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. However, it was decided to continue this conversation at our next meeting when all members are present.
- Cathy Seip asked all of us to present, in the fall, ideas that might help promote CIB, such as a new brochure and other ways and means.

##### **5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

##### **6. Adjournment**

The next meeting will be held in the Verity Room of the Municipal office on September 7, 2016.