

South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB)

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

6:30 pm

Attendees: Cathy Seip, Glen Nicholson, Dave Atthill, Bev Prout, Dorothy Henderson

Regrets: Beth Cooper, Craig Hebert

1. Call to Order:

- Cathy Seip called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm in the Verity Room at the Municipal Office.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the November meeting were adopted by Bev Prout and Glen Nicholson.

3. Updates:

- Home Show is March 31 and April 1. My FM was contacted about using the foyer for speaker Ken Brown to give presentation. Black Curtains are available at Recreation Centre but no system left to hang them in foyer. Will look at the table/chair storage room for presentation as an option.
- Bev Prout lead discussion on Barn Quilt trail event. There is an Ontario Barn Quilt web site for more information. Costs for the boards would \$180 for two sheets 4x8 . Cathy reported the Municipality of South Huron CAO Dan Best was interested in the tourism and economic aspects of involvement in Barn Quilt trail activity. The Barn Quilt trail would involve the whole community including Art around Town. Cathy and Bev will be representing the Communities in Bloom committee on a future establishment of a Barn Quilt committee.
Bev to inquire about registration in the Ontario Barn Quilt web site
- The Lakeshore Eco-Network Tree festival is May 6 at soccer field on Klondike Road
- It was suggested to have a tree committee under Communities in Bloom be formed. Tom Seip has volunteered to help with tree order and sale.

4. New businesses—Events or projects:

Chart of Recommendations from CIB Judges, 2016

| Area | Suggestion | Action |
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| General | Make the Welcome Centre more prominent with more noticeable signage on exterior | Dave A. to contact BIA |
| Tidiness | Provide more recycle and garbage bins in park areas | Process has been started with 20 new containers put in place in 2016. Will examine areas where needed |
| | Replace furniture through town (some is very dated and starting to show its age) | Park benches assessed and will be replaced to match the benches at Splash zone |
| | Plant shrubs or perennials around mail boxes throughout municipality | Needs research – deferred |
| | Use horticultural vinegar product to reduce weeds and grasses around the street curbs and brick walkways in park areas | MOSH departments build and implement an action plan |
| Environmental Action | Encourage and grow “Healthy Bodies, Healthy Earth” a program of Exeter Elementary School | Bev P. to make contact with school |
| | Start/add a vegetable garden to teach children how to plant, possibly using big plastic pots? Wooden pallets? | Bev P. to investigate |
| | Offer a culinary school workshop | There are cooking classes and other culinary activities already - need to document and put in profile book |
| | Rustic benches on McNaughton Trail need attention | Dorothy H. to contact ABCA |
| | Add 911 system to mile markers on McNaughton Trail | Dorothy H. to bring forward to trail committee |
| | Provide more than one day per year for hazardous waste | Ask MOSH Management team to investigate semi-annual or quarterly drop offs. MOSH staff to education community on places to take hazardous materials in South Huron |
| Heritage Conservation | Recognize Huron Park area as an historical neighbourhood | Pass along to Heritage Committee and MOSH staff |
| | Put programs in place to do renovations on some dwellings in Huron Park area (Municipality in partnership with the land owners) | Seek advice from CAO on this issue |
| | Host children’s events in Huron Park | Community Services staff to examine possibilities and partnerships |
| | Build a new playground and Air Force themed splash pad in Huron Park | Community Services staff to examine possibilities and partnerships |
| Urban Forestry | Do a tree inventory at the cemetery | Students to do in summer with oversight by ABCA staff |
| | Add picnic tables to the reforested areas at the Exeter Cemetery | Budget for 2 new tables in the Cemetery Budget |

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| Urban Forestry | Plant more trees in the Municipality. | Promote the tree program to all residents & update the replacement tree planting program |
| | Maintain that new industrial and commercial businesses plant one tree each 25 feet of street frontage. | Follow up with Development Services Department |
| | Remove dead or decaying trees near the river In MacNaughton Park & re-forest the area | |
| | Remove dead trees in Victoria Park | One has been removed and the second tree will cut down in the spring of 2017 |
| Landscape | Add more attractive outdoor furniture to McNaughton Park to increase areas for photo-ops | Lions club have been replacing as funds are available |
| | Continue to do more with welcome signs at the entrances into communities and the Municipality. Add a similar sign to each but something different as a reference point. | Work with Transportation Department to develop a plan and implement |
| | Develop a community garden; Huron Park would be an ideal location | Deferred |
| | Develop an "adopt a garden program" and have volunteers involved in keeping up the gardens around town | Areas in partnership now are Dashwood Community Centre, Elliot, McNaughton and Victoria Park. Possibilities for partnership with Exeter Lawn Bowling Club. |
| | Add better signage, trees, flowers and/or mural to South Huron Recreational Centre | Include in future SHRC renovation plan |
| Floral Displays | Develop a general plan for landscaping and talk about what kind of landscape will have the best impact throughout the municipality | Review landscape areas in community - Dave A. to provide list of landscape areas |
| | Hire a horticulturist | Investigate shared service with county or neighbouring community and/or hire a summer co-op student who specializes in horticulture |
| | Main Street Exeter needs more flower containers to soften the presence of concrete | Meet with stake holders to develop plan |
| | For Exeter Cemetery flowers consider annuals such as Begonia Dragon Wing & perennials such as peonies, nepeta, hemerocallis (tolerate very dry soil and give big visual impact) | Will pass information on to Community Services Department & Exeter Cemetery Staff |

5. Correspondence


- No correspondence

6. Round Table discussion


- Monument at the entrance to the old Centralia College beside the Municipality water tower is maintained by the Municipality
- New Bee garden in Lions park needs weeding.
- Dave to bring list of landscape areas for next meeting

7. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Glenn and seconded by Bev at 8pm. The next meeting will be held in the Verity Room of the Municipal office on December 7, 2016 at 6:30 pm



Chair, Cathy Seip



Recording Secretary, Dave Atthill