

South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB)
Minutes of October 5, 2016 Meeting

Attendees: Cathy Seip, Glen Nicholson, Beth Cooper, Dave Atthill, Bev Prout
Regrets: Craig Hebert.

1. Call to Order:

- Cathy Seip called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm in the Verity Room at the Municipal Office.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the July 6 meeting were adopted by Beth Cooper and Glen Nicholson.

3. Updates:

- Upcycling did not have many participants. Try started earlier next year and increase promotion. Prize was awarded by Habitat for Humanity.
- Garden of the week promotion was well received in all areas of the Municipality. It was decided to keep the same time line with the promotion ending in September. The pictures collected can be sent to Dave Atthill. The pictures can be put on social media and posters made for promotional purposes. Return the garden of the week signs to Dave Atthill for storage.
- Anne and Don Russell of Shipka are finalists in the Communities in Bloom Outstanding Achievement award in the **Community of Gardeners**, sponsored by Scotts. The winner will be announced either on Friday October 28th during the Community Showcase or Saturday October 29th during the National & International Awards Ceremony in Regina.
- Martin Quinn from Goderich has been asked to pick up any awards and the results of the judges scoring on behalf of the Municipality of South Huron.
- Additional profile books have been printed and distributed to CIB members
- Beth Cooper reported that the committee served 59 people for the Judges dinner. The two new picnic tables were used for the first time. Two more tables are being ordered. Mulch on trees and entrance way is completed.
- Tulip planting by Cubs or Scouts may not work given how early it gets dark. Cathy to check on who can plant and when. Tulips need planted before the frost is too deep in the ground. Planting should occur by end October or first of November. Beth will take 100 tulips for planting at Thames road, and Glenn will take 100 tulips for planting in Dashwood / Port Blake
- Riparian Rangers planting is October 12 and 13. Cathy and Bev to help on Wednesday. Linda will be there both days. Bonnie Sitter to take pictures.
- Ideas were on 2017 Canada's Anniversary. Canadian flag flower bed at the Town hall or north sign in Exeter. Paint 150 Anniversary on the north face of the Exeter should be investigated. Glen from Dashwood and Beth with Thames road committee are interested in planting red and

white flowers. They could make a 6 x 4 foot flag of flowers in a new flower bed. Red and white flowers selections have been tentatively ordered. Numbers need to be finalized by January 1st.

- Flower barrel program was discussed. If no volunteers are found to water then the amount of barrels ordered will be reduced. This includes the Crediton and Downtown Exeter flower barrels.

4. New businesses—Events or projects

- New ideas were discussed for next year. Cathy suggested adopt a garden program like Goderich should be initiated. Naming the garden's and high profile gardens would need to be considered. To remain of agenda for further planning and discussion.
- Barn Quilt trail event was explained by Cathy. It would an historical theme and involves many different groups or individuals. Upfront costs could as much as \$500 per 8x8 displays for each participant. A small committee should be formed to organize and recruit groups to participate.

5. Correspondence

- Received thank you from Communities in Bloom for South Huron participating in 2016 National Edition and International Challenge

6. Round table discussion

- Glenn asked about free trees from ABCA for a wind break for Port Blake. Dave to investigate.
- Committee asked about having the CAO attend one of the meetings. Cathy to discuss with CAO about attending a meeting.
- Cathy informed the committee she cannot attend November 2 meeting. Committee will still meet November 2.
- Decided a meeting November 16 was necessary to discuss judges scoring and prepare presentation to council on December 5.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held in the Verity Room of the Municipal office on November 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Chair, Cathy Seip

Recording Secretary, Dave Atthill