



Communities in Bloom AGENDA

For the meeting scheduled for January 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm

PRESENT	REGRETS
Cathy Seip - Chair	
Craig Hebert - Council rep	
Dorothy Henderson – vice Chair	
Bev Prout	
Dave Atthill – Facility Services	
Beth Cooper	
Glen Nicholson	
Linda Tgahrt	

1. **Call the meeting to order**
2. **Approval of agenda**
3. **Minutes of previous meeting(s)**
Wednesday December 7 , 2016 minutes to be adopted
4. **Reports on actions from last meeting**
 - Barn Quilt trail event
 - Home Show update- spot reserved
 - Articles for paper
 - Responds from 2016 evaluation actions
5. **New business - Events or projects**
 - CANADA 150 LEGACY PROGRAM - Possible locates Huron Village Green or Port Blake
6. **Correspondence**
7. **Adjournment**

The next meeting will take place on February 1 at 6:30 pm in the Verity room

CANADA 150 LEGACY PROGRAM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: FEBRUARY 17TH, 2017

Is there a specific area in your community that would benefit from more trees? Would you like Tree Canada to help you put together a planting event to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary? If so, you are a perfect candidate to apply for this grant!

Trees are a symbol of growth, strength, sustainability, hope, and peace. In 2017, Tree Canada is offering Canadians the opportunity to unite in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary by supporting 150 community greening initiatives across the country. There are opportunities for communities, businesses, and individuals to get involved.

Successful recipients of the *Tree to Our Nature, Canada 150 Legacy Program* funding are eligible for a grant of up to \$5,000 to help bring their community tree planting celebration to fruition.

Tree Canada will target applications from Canadian visible minority groups, First Nations, new Canadians, and low income areas, but will consider applicants from all sectors.

This program has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

Communities, Community Organizations, First Nations, Schools, and Associations: Connect with your local municipality to identify a local park, recreation area, or school ground in need, and apply for funding through the *Tree to Our Nature, Canada 150 Legacy Program*.

Canadian Corporations and Businesses: Commemorate Canada's 150th anniversary by partnering with local community groups to increase funding, and supply volunteer labour.

Individuals: Encourage your local municipality to apply, and attend legacy events to help plant trees and celebrate Canadian culture.

Quotes on Benefits to municipalities

Communities in Bloom has provided an additional perspective to the sharing, caring and sense of pride to the place we call home, Jasper National Park. The impact is seen in the extra care and attention given our residential and commercial spaces throughout the community delivering upon Jasper's reputation as a world class destination with a welcoming spirit. Communities in Bloom helps to showcase our community and The Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce is very pleased and proud to be part of our local CIB committee."

Wayne Hnatyshin, President Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce – Jasper, AB

"The Communities in Bloom program has enhanced a sense of community pride in Millet. Our dedicated volunteers are making a definite difference in our Community. We are a better Community due to Communities in Bloom."
His Worship, Mayor Rob Lorenson – Town of Millet, AB

"The Town of Beaumont was very excited and proud to have received five blooms in the national competition category for communities with a population of 9,000 to 20,000. These results were achieved through the incredible efforts of our community volunteers, our business community sponsorship, and our Town staff, leadership, and Council. The residents of Beaumont and our staff continue to take pride in beautifying our community and together we wish to showcase Beaumont- a community of choice."
Mayor Bérubé – Town of Beaumont, AB

"Our community has been involved with Communities in Bloom for a few years now and the benefits to the community seem endless. First and foremost, CiB promotes a sense of community pride and ownership as many volunteer their time to many projects. The community looks eye appealing to those visiting or new to the community as green spaces and Xeriscapes are well maintained. CiB encompasses many different categories, taking into account many aspects of the community from floral displays to our landfill, each of which are a piece of a puzzle that fit together to form a beautiful picture all year long. Our volunteers and committee look forward to every new year to discover what new projects will be put forward for us to dig in and complete!"
Sharon Schauenberg - CiB committee member - Assiniboia, SK

"Ayant participé à Collectivités en fleurs chaque année depuis le début, nous avons remporté de nombreux succès qui reflètent la grande sensibilité environnementale de l'ensemble de notre communauté. Qu'on parle du secteur commercial, de l'institutionnel, du résidentiel ou du municipal, ce concours canadien a largement contribué à développer un fort sentiment d'appartenance chez tous les citoyens autant que chez les employés. Nous sommes honorés d'avoir reçu, au fil des ans, autant de mentions spéciales qui sont devenues le prétexte par excellence afin que tous se donnent la main pour embellir sans cesse le caractère champêtre de notre ville. Aujourd'hui, nous avons de quoi être fiers de notre coin de pays où il fait bon vivre en harmonie avec la nature."
Mairesse Madeleine Leduc – Ville de Rosemère, QC

"The Town of Antigonish's experience in the Communities in Bloom program has been a very positive one for the residents and our business community. The overall feeling of civic pride in what we have accomplished is evident throughout our town. The challenge is to keep getting better."
Liz Chisholm, Councilor and Chair of Beautification Committee - Town of Antigonish, NS

"Communities in Bloom has been an energizing force in Pugwash. Villagers collaborate easily with our group focussing on civic pride, community development, and recognition of community contributors. It's been a wonderful way for newcomers to the community to get to know others, learn the village history, and work together with long time residents on civic projects. Winning 5 Blooms and being the 2014 National Winner in our population category has been a great boost to involvement."
Maureen Leahey - Chair, Pugwash Communities in Bloom - Pugwash, Nova Scotia

"Entering Communities in Bloom has helped to promote Prestatyn further afield and has given us a new perspective and new ideas as to how to improve our town. The programme has assisted in providing the discipline to ensure Prestatyn is always aiming for higher standards. As always, it is the community first and foremost which needs to give itself a pat on the back for our success - thank you."
James Davies, Chairman - Prestatyn in Bloom UK

Responds from 2016 evaluation actions as of December 21

Suggestion

Use horticultural vinegar product to reduce weeds and grasses around the street curbs and brick walkways in park areas

Response

We are currently doing this, there was an issue in 2016 finding a new contractor to complete this work as the previous contractor doesn't do that work any longer. The work was completed late summer and late fall. We will be looking at spring spray in the future, then analyze the need for another spray in summer. The average cost is \$3000-\$5000 per round and I only have one budgeted per year.

Suggestion

Provide more than one day per year for hazardous waste

Response

The hazardous waste pickup is a Huron County initiative, TSD will recommend to the county of an annual event, currently it is run every other year.

Suggestion

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.

Response

This would be a council initiative and would need to be presented to them. TSD doesn't have any money to improve the welcome signs at this point

Suggestion

Maintain that new industrial and commercial businesses plant one tree each 25 feet of street frontage.

Response

To add a note to the other emails, there is an Exeter Community Improvement and Streetscape Design Plan that was adopted. This plan refers to vegetation and street tree planting in Exeter. I have attached the document information purposes.

The Exeter zoning by-law does not have explicit provisions for street frontage tree plantings for commercial and industrial lands. The by-law does mention that commercial and industrial uses shall establish planting strips in yards where these uses about more sensitive ones (i.e. residential, open space,

and institutional), but these are majority side and rear yards. Further, the by-law notes that a 7-metre green buffer shall be established in the front yard of any industrial use, but does not explicitly state how the green buffer will be improved.

This appears to be an initiative guided only by CIB, as there does not appear to be anything in the zoning that would require it. The only other provision is that, if planting of this nature were to commence, the planting would have to be solely on private land and should not encroach onto a public boulevard.

Suggestion

Host children's events in Huron Park

Response

Staff will examine possibilities and locations for hosting children's events in Huron Park, Will explore partnerships with churches and local service groups.