



Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron
South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, July 5, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Verity Room, Olde Town Hall

Members Present:

Cathy Seip, Chair
Dorothy Henderson, Vice Chair
Beth Cooper
Glen Nicholson
Bev Prout
Craig Hebert

Staff:

Dave Atthill

Guest:

Christian Prémont
Michelle Runhart

1. Meeting Called to Order

Cathy Seip, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm in the Verity Room at the Olde Town Hall.

2. Agenda Update

2.1 Flower Barrel
2.2 New Garden
2.3 CIB Involvement in Parkette
2.4 Awards in Ottawa
2.5 Offer of Clean Up

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minor changes made to Minutes of the South Huron Community in Bloom Committee Meeting of June 7, 2017.

Motion: 07-2017
Moved: B. Prout
Seconded: G. Nicholson

That the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting are hereby approved as amended.

Disposition: Carried

5. Discussion

5.1 Barn Quilt Trail Event

There are 18 days left to get barn quilts finished and on the trail.

The maps are being worked on, and preliminary ones will be printed to review. The BIA will put the order in once they are finished. Brittany Wise will help put the stops on Google Maps for our Facebook group.

We got the OK to put one up at the Lagoon System. We would like to have one there for the Judges to see during their visit.

We need to check on the sign policy on where one can be put in Dashwood. We are following up with CAO Dan Best on this matter.

There is a barn quilt up on Highway 81. Bev was going to approach to see if they would like to be added to the list. If you know of any that are up, and not on the list yet, feel free to ask if they want to be added.

5.2 Profile Book

The Profile Book will be completed on Thursday. 30 copies will be prepared. The Judges have copies, and the rest will be distributed to council, BIA, and CIB Committee Members.

5.3 Judges' Visit Planning

The Judges will be picked up at 11:30 AM on Sunday, July 23, 2017 by Craig Hebert. Dave will have a Municipal truck cleaned and ready to take.

This is the 10th year for the Judges' visit. Cathy is trying to come up with some fresh ideas. One suggestion made by the committee is to keep a "Garden/Yard of the Week" sign, and present it with the Judges. It was discussed that we avoid our "low" points that might hurt our score. We also want to show the Judges that we are working with the Municipality, younger crowds, and the small hamlets. The Itinerary will be finalized by next week.

The supper on Sunday, July 23, will be held at Bev Prout's. She needs to know numbers, so please let her know as soon as you can. CAO Dan Best and Mayor Maureen Cole, with their spouses, have been invited.

On Monday, July 24, there is the Mayor's Luncheon at Olde Town Hall. Numbers are needed for this as well please. This lunch is for the Judges, the Mayor, Councillors, and CIB Committee.

The dinner at Thames Road on Monday, July 24, is open to everyone. We need to let Beth know by July 19th how many will be attending (we estimated for 70). If it rains, we will move to the Thames Road-Elimville United Church down the road.

The Judges need to be returned to the London Airport for their 1:30 PM flight on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.
We are aiming for the 5 Blooms Silver, but will settle for the 5 Blooms Bronze.

5.4 Budget Update

Our budget is \$6,000, but nothing really new to report about the budget.

Invoices from MacLean's are starting to come in.

We will be receiving a new invoice from Nicki Cyr for the work she has done on the Profile Book.

5.5 Garden of the Week

Cathy has 1 of her 2 signs up. She will save one until the Judges' Visit.

Beth has both of her signs out in circulation.

Dorothy has not got her signs up yet, but will be going out for a cruise to find some places.

Christian will take one to put up in Centralia area.

5.6 Canada 150 Garden

We have not had any complaints about the garden.

The Community Services Department had operators out this week weeding it.

Also wanted to mention, the Dairy Queen Garden looks great. Nice work by the Theo Family.

6. Communications

6.1 Commemorative Garden Deadline

The Heritage deadline is Saturday, July 15, 2017.

6 signs have been purchased for prizes, and Cathy is going to try and get more people signed up.

One set of pictures has been received.

6.2 Mosaic Benches

We are hoping to get a picture of the beautiful mosaic benches with the students from the High School that did them. We will have to wait until the fall to find out if they are up for doing that, as long as they haven't all graduated.

6.3 Awards in Ottawa

Motion: 08-2017
Moved: C. Hebert
Seconded: B. Prout

That the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee recommends that Dave Atthill, Dorothy Henderson, Craig Hebert and Cathy Seip attend the Awards celebration in Ottawa.

Disposition: Carried

On behalf of the Communities in Bloom Committee membership, we would like to extend an invitation to CAO Dan Best and Mayor Maureen Cole to join us in Ottawa to represent the Municipality.

6.4 George Wilson

George will have the town walkers come for coffee and doughnuts. They will use the "Litter Lifters" coupons from Tim Hortons they received for cleaning up trash while out for a walk.

6.5 Get More Businesses and People Interested

We want to encourage businesses and people to continue to keep South Huron looking great.

They do not have to do anything over the top to help, just proceed to plant and weed when needed.

New Business

A. Add a Member to the Committee

Motion: 09-2017
Moved: D. Henderson
Seconded: G. Nicholson

That the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee recommends Christian Prémont be added to the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee roster.

Disposition: Carried

B. "Advertising" CIB

What are some ways to get more people interested in joining CIB? We need to come up with some ideas for the fall.

C. Poverty to Prosperity

There is a new group in Huron Park that would like some little things to happen. They would like help from the South Huron CIB and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to help clean up the creek, and do a flowerbed. CAO Dan Best said to let him know what the plans are, and he will help initiate our ideas.

One of the members from this group will be speaking with the Judges when they come to visit.

D. Oaks of Vimy

CAO Dan Best is working on the Vimy Oak Forest project.

7. Adjournment

Motion: 10-2017
Moved: G. Nicholson
Seconded: C. Hebert

That the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at 7:45 p.m., to meet again on September 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Verity Room, Olde Town Hall or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Cathy Seip, Chair

David Atthill, Recording Secretary