



The Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron

South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Verity Room, Olde Town Hall

Members Present:

Cathy Seip, Chair
Bev Prout
Craig Hebert - Council representative
Beth Cooper

Staff:

David Atthill, Facility Services Coordinator

1. Meeting Called to Order

Cathy Seip, chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm in the Verity Room at the Olde Town Hall.

2. Agenda Update

None.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 Minutes of the South Huron Community in Bloom Committee Meeting of December 7, 2016.

Motion: 01-2017
Moved: B. Cooper
Seconded: C. Seip

That the minutes of the December 7, 2016 meeting are hereby approved as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Discussion

5.1 MY FM Home Show, March 31 – April 1, 2017

Ken Brown will present from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on “Perennials, the Back Bone of the Garden” and will present again from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on “Vertical Gardening” on Saturday April 1st.

Huron Ridge and Westland greenhouses will do a presentation on Friday March 31st on planters and other areas of interest.

Dorothy has prepared a flyer and Dave has made copies for distribution. My FM to include presentations in their advertising.

5.2 Barn Quilt Trail Event

Bev delivered a report updating the committee on the Barn Quilt Trail Event. The event is to have a heritage theme. Must have a minimum of 10 quilts to be on the Barn Quilt web site. The Heritage Committee has sent letters to heritage farms to seek out interest. Tom and Bev Prout have completed their quilt.

Meeting and painting workshops to be held sometime in May. Will seek out partnership with High school for painting and help with the Barn Quilts.

Bev discussed an opportunity for a grant from Grand Bend Foundation to fund Barn Quilt expenses. Will need to inform council and receive permission to proceed with the grant application.

Motion: 02-2017
Moved: C. Herbert
Seconded: B. Cooper

That council be informed of the grant opportunity and that the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee be granted permission to apply to the Grand Bend Foundation for funding for the Barn Quilt Trail Event.

5.3 Committee Promotion

Dorothy submitted an article to the Exeter Times Advocate to assist in promoting South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee initiatives. Future article themes include barn quilt tour, trees sales, and garden of the week information. Promotional articles can also be included on the Municipal website and social media.

It is recommended that an advertisement looking for a new committee member be submitted to the Exeter Times Advocate.

Promotional brochure to be designed and completed within the next few months.

5.4 National Edition Registration

Registration has been completed for the South Huron Communities in Bloom to participate in the 2017 Communities in Bloom National Edition.

5.5 Tree to our Nature, Canada 150 Legacy Program Grant

The grant was successfully applied to for the previously discussed area within Huron Village Green. If successful the committee will spearhead a tree planting day and celebrations that tie in with Canada 150.

5.6 MacLean's Home Hardware

Have been in discussion with Jeff MacLean from MacLean's Home Hardware and he has enthusiastically agreed to work in partnership with the South Huron Communities in Bloom throughout the year to promote the committee's initiatives and assist in the committee's Canada 150 celebrations.

MacLean's Home Hardware to partner with the committee at the upcoming Home and Leisure Show. Macleans have donated the zinnia seeds to be distributed to the community for planting in the spring. MacLean's have also donated the paint for the Barn Quilt Trail Event and will provide pricing for the necessary signage needed for the trail event.

5.7 Canada 150 Celebrations

Below is a summary of activities completed/planed by the committee to celebrate Canada's 150th year:

- 150 sycamore and maple trees have been purchased to be sold at the tree sale for \$5.00 each.
- Planted 150 red and white tulips last fall.
- Ordered Canada 150 flags for municipal facilities.
- Planned Canadian flag flower beds for Town Hall, Dashwood Community Centre and Thames Road Park.
- Planned 150 sign at the Exeter Lagoon (still needs approval).
- Best Garden Competition (to be further discussed).

6. New Business

6.1 Best Garden Competition

The committee would like to host a "best garden competition" for the 2017 spring and summer season with the theme focusing on celebrating Canada's 150th year. Cathy will write a letter to council to seek additional funding for the competition. Participants will need to sign up in advance. Judging to take place in July.

6.2 Community Garden

A community garden was brought forward by Craig for discussion. It was discussed that the municipality could provide the land by the Lions Youth Center. The Food Bank may be a good partner. The Exeter library staff also mentioned an interest in a community garden.

7. Communications

None.

8. Adjournment

Motion: 03-2017
Moved: B. Cooper
Seconded: B. Prout

That the South Huron Communities in Bloom Committee hereby adjourns at 7:35 p.m., to meet again on April 5 , 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