



**South Huron Communities in Bloom (CIB)  
Minutes of Wednesday December 2, 2015 Meeting**

*Attendees: Cathy Seip (chair), Craig Hebert, Linda Tgahrt, Dorothy Henderson, Glen Nicholson*

Cathy S. called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the banquet hall located in the South Huron Recreation Centre at 94 Victoria Street in Exeter.

**1. Call to order:**

Chairperson Cathy S. welcomed members, including new member, Glen Nicholson.

**2. Approval of minutes:**

Minutes from the previous meeting, Thursday, November 15, 2015, were approved as circulated.

**3. Reports:**

- Paul Ronan from Ontario Parks Association will visit Exeter for a presentation on April 5 (an evening open to the public) and April 6 (for Municipal staff training). Topic: Landscaping care
- Mosaic benches, built by local high school students, under the leadership of art Linda Tgahrt, Dorothy Henderson and Cathy Seip all reported action on recruiting new members to the committee.
- Teacher Carleen Hone and volunteer Ruth Anne Merner are completed and, with agreement from Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) will be placed in downtown Exeter Parkette.
- Cathy Seip reported that the Hydro tree fund has \$3566. This money is to be used to replace 300 trees removed from Exeter by Hydro One for safety reasons. This money is held by ABCA through Ian Jean.

- Action needed: Craig Hebert will clarify who, on Council, is overseeing this fund as it was previously administered by a Councillor and a committee of volunteers.
- Action needed: Linda Tgahrt agreed to consult with Ian Jean and Melissa Prout to develop a plan of where new trees should go. Ninety trees are also ready for transplanting from the cemetery tree nursery.
- Communities in Bloom will host a BBQ lunch in the Exeter downtown Parkette to celebrate Earth Day, April 22, 2016.
- Standardized colour and type of plants will be provided in summer, 2016, for the entrance ways to communities in South Huron.
  - Action needed: Dorothy Henderson and Barb Potter will send out letter to community groups asking if they will water during the summer; Dorothy and Barb will do follow-up phone calls.
- The annual tree sale probable date is April 30. Linda Tgahrt is lead on sale.

#### **4. New business**

- Chairperson Cathy Seip reviewed the proposed new Terms of Reference for Communities in Bloom as CIB moves toward becoming a committee of South Huron Municipal Council. Several changes were suggested which Cathy will communicate to the Clerk. It was clarified that there would be two forms of membership: voting and non-voting volunteer affiliates.
- Produce and deliver a flyer inviting new membership and interest in Communities in Bloom
  - Action needed: Dorothy Henderson to design; Glen Nicholson to deliver to various communities.
- A letter of thanks be sent to Martin Dykstra for buying and caring for geraniums in the Lion's Parkette.
  - Action needed: Dorothy Henderson will write; Craig Hebert will sign on behalf of CIB, Lions, and Council.
- Cathy S. showed the Committee a well-designed flyer on recycling produced by AMO.
  - Action needed: Craig Herbert will research possibility of getting this flyer for our municipality.

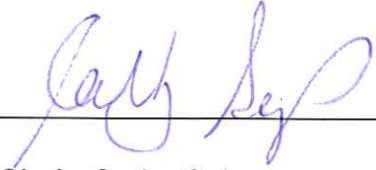
- It was agreed that a brochure on native trees of Ontario would be helpful to provide to local garden centres.
  - Action needed: Linda Tgahrt will explore this possibility.

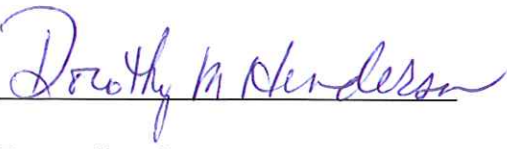
## 5. For information

- Cathy S. showed the committee the 2016 calendar prepared by Home Hardware in cooperation with Communities in Bloom.
  - Action needed: Cathy S. will pass on the calendar to local photographer, Bonnie Sitter, and ask her to consider submitting photos for 2017 calendar.
- Cathy S. reported that it will cost \$855.75 for CIB to participate in National Communities in Bloom next year; the annual meeting will be held in Saskatchewan.
- This year the CIB Survey Evaluation Form was completed by South Huron CIB but next year will be completed by Municipal staff.
- Cathy S. reported on 4 items which she will include in her presentation to Council at 6:00 p.m. on December 14: photos of the new mosaic benches, our plaque from national Communities in Bloom, a cheque donation for the refurbishing on the Parkette in Exeter, CIB goals for 2016. CIB members are urged to attend Council meeting.

## 6. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by First name Last Initial at x:xx pm. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday January 6 at 6:30 pm.

  
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Chair, Cathy Seip

  
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Recording Secretary, Dorothy Henderson