



## Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratford Communities in Bloom (CIB) Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

**Committee Members:** Councillor Brad Beatty – Chair Presiding, Mary-Anne Krutila, Carys Wyn Hughes, Cindy Carlson

**Staff:** Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Barb Hacking, Kimberly Richardson

#### 1. Call to Order

Councillor Beatty, Chair presiding, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

#### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

#### 3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes – December 7, 2023

**Motion by** Mary-Anne Krutila

**Seconded by** Carys Wyn Hughes

**THAT the minutes from the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee meeting dated December 7, 2023, be adopted as printed.**

**Carried**

#### **4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

##### 4.1 Update on Ted Blowes Garden – Barb Hacking

Cindy Carlson reported that the lights on the waterfall will be changing colour for the month of February.

##### 4.2 2024 CIB National Update/CIB Initiatives – Councillor Beatty

Councillor Beatty reported that he has received a request from the CIB National rep regarding Stratford's 2024 application to participate in the judging. He has informed them that Stratford will be participating in the International Category for 2024. After discussion with CIB members, the Committee will reassess if they wish to participate in judging should they be hosting the National Symposium in 2025.

##### 4.3 2024 Judging Plans – Councillor Beatty

CIB plans to highlight volunteering, community enjoyment, organization participation and youth initiatives in the presentations to the judges in 2024. Whether this be in videos or photos or to have various people participate.

##### 4.4 Hosting the 2025 National Symposium – Councillor Beatty

CIB members reviewed the draft power point presentation that will be presented at an upcoming Council meeting. Members provided some minor feedback on the presentation and members Kimberly Richardson and Carys Wyn Hughes will update the content.

##### 4.5 Landscape Design Plan Update – Councillor Beatty

Barb Hacking received the preliminary plan in December. Councillor Beatty shared with CIB members the overall presentation and layout of the gardens and grounds near the Bridge to Nowhere and the grounds located behind Gallery Stratford. The members were pleased with some of the concepts and Councillor Beatty or Barb Hacking will contact Scott Wentworth to discuss the plans moving forward.

##### 4.6 City Gateways Project Update – Kimberly Richardson/Carys Wyn Hughes

No new Update.

Carys Wyn Hughes will contact Zac Gribble at Destination Stratford to get an update from him.

**5. New Business**

None noted.

**6. Upcoming Events**

- Winterfest – January 28-29, 2024

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the CIB Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road W., Stratford.

**8. Adjournment**

**Motion by** Carys Wyn Hughes

**Seconded by** Kimberly Richardson

**THAT the January 25, 2024 Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.**

**Carried**

Meeting Start Time: 12:11 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 12:54 P.M.