

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE**

DATE: August 16th, 2012
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Allan Jackson, Chair
Maureen Wendt
Jane Kivett
Heather Coxon
Judy Lewis
Kitty Niiranen

Ted Tisdale, CAO
Debra Key DCAO/CO
Andre Isakov, MPCS

Recording Secretary, Cindy Richardson

ABSENT: Kathleen Stephany
Carol Hepnar

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jane Kivett
Seconded by Heather Coxon

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4.
 Adoption of Minutes
July 19, 2012

RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Moved by Maureen Wendt
Seconded by Heather Coxon

THAT the minutes of the July 19, 2012 Communities in Bloom meeting be adopted.

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5. DELEGATIONS

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

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8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Halloween Event

The Chair noted some of the benefits of hosting an event during the Halloween period and asked the Manager of Planning and Community Services, Andre Isakov for his input. Andre Isakov noted that he has been in discussion with Tourism Harrison regarding shoulder events and how to extend the tourist season. Previously event planning companies have submitted proposals for fall events including an Oktoberfest event. Council agreed to move forward with an Oktoberfest event planned for the October 26 and 27, 2012. Details of the event were discussed including business involvement, participants and transportation. The Chair asked if the Plaza could be decorated in Halloween decorations for the event. Local business involvement in decorating was discussed. The CiB would like to be part of the event and would like Tourism Harrison's input. Staff agreed to discuss this item with Tourism Harrison.

Andre Isakov asked the CiB members if they would be interested in volunteering services for the Terry Fox Run which will be taking place in the Village on September 16, 2012. Staff will forward the information to the committee members for consideration.

Andre Isakov excused himself from the meeting at 2:55.

CiB Award Programs

The members discussed the 2012 CiB Outstanding Achievement Award and which areas to apply for including sustainable development, environmental action and urban forestry. Criteria were discussed. Members agreed to apply for the Sustainable Development award. Members will contact Andre Isakov for information regarding this topic.

Members will also submit an entry for the 2012 Scott's Garden Contest. The deadline is August 24, 2012.

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National Conference

The CiB National Conference will be held on October 9th, 2012 in Edmonton, Alberta. The members will be using some items from Tourism Harrison as part of their exhibit at the conference. Chocolates from Rocky Mountain Chocolates and a photography book donated by Fred and Delphine Gornall have been donated as prizes. The Resort may be donating a stay for the auction. The members requested borrowing a laptop from the Village Office to show the DVD that was prepared. Staff will see if any of the laptops will be suitable to lend and report back. Pins will be provided for members to hand out.

Other Conference Items

Attendees noted that they will all be driving and their tours have been selected.

New Business

There was discussion of UFV involvement in projects in the Village. CiB bursaries and scholarships were noted.

Members noted that they will be taking Carol Hepnar out for lunch next week to thank her for her many years of volunteer service on the Communities in Bloom Committee.

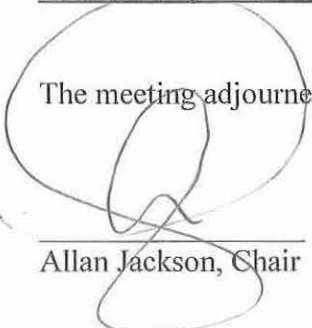
CAO noted his appreciation for the slide show at the Council meeting and thanked the members again for the staff luncheon they provided.


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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Maureen Wendt
Seconded by Heather Coxon

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.


Allan Jackson, Chair


Cindy Richardson,
Recording Secretary

