

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

DATE: August 12, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Chair D. Harris
Vice-Chair B. Perry
G. Guimont
L. Hooper
C. Hepnar
M. Dams

Recording Secretary, M. Mucha

ABSENT: M. Lees
C. Harris

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. **MINUTES**

Moved by M. Dams
Seconded by C. Hepnar

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee meeting of July 8, 2009 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. **DELEGATIONS**

The Chair has invited T. Baxter and L. Facio to our CIB Committee meeting.

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chair reported the registration numbers for the 'Living with our Land' conference. Seven have registered to date, with a confirmed Eight from Peachland. We expect to reach our estimated number of attendees.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

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- a. **Garden of the Week** G. Guimont reported on 'Garden of the Week'. Five awards have been issued and the results have been excellent; larger pictures in the newspaper would be ideal.

- b. **CIB Conference** C. Hepnar reported on the Conference. The Welcome bags will include the 'Village of Harrison Hot Springs Heritage Walk' brochure; floral postcards have been offered to us 'in kind'. There was discussion of also including Harrison Hotel note pads, pens/pencils, a tear away map, a first nations item, and a 60th Village Office pin.

The CIB Folder will include an agenda, a Harrison Magazine and a flyer stating Ranger station information.

Rocky Mountain Chocolate will be placed on the table as opposed to the *Welcome Bag*. They will be individually wrapped with the Village logo at a quote of \$1.62.

M. Lees reported on the 'flaps' which will complete the gift bag. They will enclose a brown paper bag which will contain either tulip bulbs or garlic bulbs. Agassiz printers will need a weeks' notice and has quoted printing 100 flaps with 2 photographs for \$40. C. Hepnar will price out the tulips and M. Dams will price out the garlic.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Judges Visit Recap on Judges visit

The Chair reported on the CIB tea held at the Village Office. We received a very nice thank-you card from the Judges. The judges verbally communicated that they were thoroughly impressed. They enjoyed explanations of the photo albums and their feedback was excellent. Our original concern of the day being 'too busy' was not the case.

The Chair reports a prediction of 850 points this year compared to 822 points last year. The Committee discussed how the rating system works and the Chair reported that the judge's benchmark against last year's 'Community Report Book' to rate our community.

G. Guimont was impressed with the judges' knowledge of our community and the questions that were asked. The community garden and the personalization of the day seemed to be greatly appreciated.

C. Hepnar thought the day was a success and the judges were very easy to get along with. The 'Choir Ladies' were well received at the tea.

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Our original concerns regarding the brown grass and the irrigation problems were not a concern for the judges. They made a sensible comment on saving water and noted that they understood the circumstances.

The Co-Chair believed our village was showcased very well; it was a beautiful day for the event. The only concern brought up by the judges was that there was no representative from the Chamber of Commerce. A Member reported that the Chamber CEO was invited and never replied.

**c. 2009 CIB
Conference**

The Committee discussed the itinerary for the conference and the cost for this event. The Chair will confirm if the estimated meal costs' will include gratuity.

The Registration table is in order with M. Lees and M. Dams. D. Harris will arrange for drink tickets to be handed out at the registration table.

C. Hepnar will assist with the silent auction table set-up and will receive the gifts and cheques from each community. L. Hooper will be able to assist with the 9:00pm silent auction table.

Confirmed 'Welcome Speakers' include Mayor Becotte; Chief Charlie is waiting on a letter. B. Penner will be able to confirm closer to the date.

B. Perry has agreed to introduce the speakers.

The Committee discussed the round table speaker list. The 10 speakers are confirmed and the committee should now arrange for backups.

The Committee discussed a gift which would be ideal to pass on each year. Ideas included: a gold plated shovel, a plaque, or a vase.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by G. Guimont

Seconded by C. Hepnar

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

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minutes of the Communities in Bloom
Committee Meeting held August 12, 2009 in
Council Chambers, Village of
Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.



Dave Harris
Chair



Larry Burk
Chief Administrative Officer