

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 10:00 AM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON

1. CALL TO ORDER	
Meeting called to order by the Chair. Roundtable introductions and welcome to new members, Susan Caley and Janice Moffat.	
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory	
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS	
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES	
(a) THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025 be adopted.	Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
(a) Presentation from Catherine Kennedy, BC CIB, via Zoom	
(b) Earth Day in May Debrief	
(c) Garden of the Week	Page 5
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(d) Lagoon Garden Bed & Community Planting Day	Page 9
(e) Canada Day Parade Float	
(f) Beach Clean-Up Day with Students (Tentative Date May 26, 2025)	
(g) Judges' Visit – July 8/9, 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tour Route and Schedule 	

- Community Partners (Business sector, Canada Post Office, Community Gardens etc.)
- Judges accommodations and meals
- Community Profile Book contents

(h) No Mow May (Susan Galvao)

(i) Next Meeting Date: TBD

7. ADJOURNMENT



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Susan Galvao
Teresa Omelus (via Zoom at 10:08 a.m.)
Margaret Shier

Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Jace Hodgson, Director of Operations (at 10:14 a.m.)
Kalie Wiechmann, Communications and Community
Engagement Coordinator

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
CIB-2025-04-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Margaret Shier
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
CIB-2025-04-02

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update from the March 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that Council unanimously supported the Committee's recommendation to put out a call for more members. The vacancies were advertised shortly thereafter with a closing date of April 2, 2025. Two applications have been received and it is anticipated that they will be reviewed by Council next week.

(b) BC Communities in Bloom March Newsletter

The Committee discussed the Hope Communities in Bloom projects and requested a separate Harrison Communities in Bloom Facebook page.

(c) Report of Corporate Officer dated April 3, 2025
Re: Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1216, 2025 and Updated Terms of Reference

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the updated Communities in Bloom Committee Terms of Reference be endorsed as amended by correcting section 4(c) so that it references section 4(a), not 3(a).

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
CIB-2025-04-03

(d) Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection Program

The Corporate Officer advised that the Village was selected to receive twelve signs which must be handed out by August 22, 2025. The Committee will start garden of the week in June. Staff will prepare marketing material for garden of the week and will distribute a sign-up sheet for members to judge each week. Property owners that are selected will need to sign a photo release form.

(e) Earth Day in May Table

The Committee discussed obtaining t-shirts or vests. The Committee requested that the table have the photo albums, a one page document to display what the Committee has been working on, a box to collect contact information from people who may be interested in volunteering, Garden of the Week information and seed packets by donation.

(f) Canada Day Parade Float

Councillor Jackson will speak to the Village's Chief Financial Officer regarding additional budget for a float. The Committee discussed various ideas for borrowing a flat deck trailer, pickup truck, and floral displays from local nurseries. The Committee discussed opportunities to involve children in the float and soliciting donations from people who may have artificial flowers/craft supplies to donate.

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(g) Beach Clean-Up Day with Students

The school is interested in participating in a beach clean-up day and the Harrison Hot Springs Resort is on board to provide lunch and drinks. The Committee agreed that Monday, May 26 may work. The Village can supply garbage bags and garbage pickers. Staff will contact the school to determine whether that day will work. Councillor Jackson will do the same with the hotel.

(h) CIB Anniversary Tree

The Village will be receiving a ten gallon tree as part of the CIB Anniversary. Teresa has offered to donate a tree as a thank you in relation to donations for the pool as well. Further details will be forthcoming, and once the variety of the tree is known, suitable locations will be identified. The Committee discussed hosting a small event and getting a plaque to commemorate the tree-planting.

(i) Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Thursday, May 8, 2025 and Catherine Kennedy from BC CIB will attend via Zoom.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting be adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



**2025 HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM
GARDEN OF THE WEEK SCHEDULE**

WEEK	DATE	JUDGE	WINNER NAME & ADDRESS
1	June 1 - June 7	Teresa Omelus	
2	June 8 - June 14	Teresa Omelus	
3	June 15 - June 21	Marg Shier	
4	June 22 - June 28	Marg Shier	
5	June 29 - July 5		
6	July 6 - July 12	Susan Caley	
7	July 13 - July 19		
8	July 20 - July 26		
9	July 27 - August 2		
10	August 3 - August 9		
11	August 10 - August 16	Susan Caley	
12	August 17 - August 22		



PHOTO RELEASE FORM



I hereby authorize the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, Communities in Blooms and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, hereafter referred to as "Company," to publish photographs taken of me and/or my garden, for use in the print, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other Company publications.

I hereby release and hold harmless the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, Communities in Blooms and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the images specified above.

I further acknowledge that my participation is voluntary and that I will not receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in company marketing materials or other Company publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, Communities in Blooms and The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, its contractors, its employees, and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of marketing materials, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

Authorization

Printed name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Garden of the Week Judging Criteria

Judge Name: _____

Week: _____



- ☐ 1. **Overall Impression**
 - a. Does the garden have a cohesive and attractive design?
 - b. Are the plants healthy?
 - c. Does the garden contribute to the overall vibrancy of the community?
- ☐ 2. **Plant Material and Variety**
 - a. Does the garden include a diverse range of plant species?
 - b. Are the plants well-spaced and balance?
 - c. Does the garden effectively use colour and texture to create visual interest?
- ☐ 3. **Environmental and Sustainability Considerations**
 - a. Does the garden incorporate environmentally friendly elements, such as native species or low-water plants?
 - b. Does the garden promote pollinators?
 - c. Does the garden incorporate edible plants?
 - d. Does the garden incorporate FireSmart principles?
- ☐ 4. **Creativity**
 - a. Does the garden reflect the owner's personal style and creativity?
 - b. Does the garden have any unique interesting features?

Please complete the following:

- 1. **Name and address of Winner:** _____
- 2. **Brief description of why this garden was selected, what unique features it has, types of plants found, etc.:**

- ☐ 3. **Photo Release Form enclosed**
- ☐ 4. **Photo of Winner and garden sign enclosed**

There is a garden bed near the boat launch parking lot that was recently created as part of the Lagoon Redevelopment Project. There is an opportunity for the CiB Committee to have input on the design and/or hosting a “Community Planting Day”. Staff have spoken to the Village’s Public Works department and a red and white begonia planting with the letters HHS is being presented as an initial idea. This project presents a unique opportunity, as many trees are being planted as part of this project and will be larger in future years. The area in yellow is near the new picnic tables at the lagoon and could potentially be a pollinator garden or also filled with more annuals depending on the Committee’s preference and input. The garden beds will be irrigated.





