

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

**DATE:** Thursday, January 30, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers, Village Office  
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Allan Jackson  
Susan Galvao  
Teresa Omelus  
Margaret Shier (entered at 9:12 a.m.)

Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer  
Jace Hodgson, Director of Operations

**ABSENT:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.  
Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Teresa Omelus**  
**Seconded by Susan Galvao**

THAT the agenda be approved.

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

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None.

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

(a) Presentation by Former Committee Member Jane Kivett

Jane Kivett presented on the criteria that the Communities in Bloom judges evaluate on and discussed previous projects. Past activities included garden tours, "Know Your Garden" at the plaza, garden of the week evaluations, attending an event in Montreal to accept awards, and beautification of the entrance area at the south end of Hot Springs Road. The Committee would need to have a good rapport with Village Public Works staff to collaborate.

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- (b) Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1154, 2021 and Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1205, 2024

The Corporate Officer provided an overview of these two bylaws, Committee voting and reporting procedures and the relationship between Council and the Committee.

- (c) Communities in Bloom January Newsletter

**Moved by Teresa Omelus**  
**Seconded by Susan Galvao**

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee register for the Communities in Bloom program this year under the modified evaluation “Grow” category with a focus on enhancement.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
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The Committee discussed various project ideas including:

- A community beautification day where funds from the disposal of large appliances could be returned to the Committee
- Butterfly garden with labels
- Beautifying garden beds at Spring Park, near the Sasquatch statue by the lagoon and outside of Memorial Hall
- An Adopt-a-Street program
- Working with the school
- Putting together a video with assistance from Village communications staff
- Canada Day Parade Communities in Bloom float
- A street competition

- (d) Community Gardens Beautification Project

The Corporate Officer advised that the Village and the Age-Friendly Committee have been working with the Community Gardens to expand the fence and beautify the exterior. There is a project in the works that would involve having students from the school paint wooden art pieces to go up on the fence. The Communities in Bloom Committee could explore the option of putting a butterfly garden along the exterior perimeter to beautify the boulevard after the fence is moved.

- (e) Draft Terms of Reference

The Committee will review the draft Terms of Reference and return to the next meeting with comments and suggested edits.

- (f) Meeting Schedule

The Committee will go on a tour of the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants on February 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. and will aim to meet in early March after that.

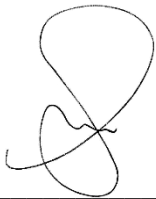
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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Teresa Omelus**  
**Seconded by Susan Galvao**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
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Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair  
Communities in Bloom Committee



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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer