

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

DATE: Thursday, March 6, 2025
TIME: 10:00 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

Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Jace Hodgson, Director of Operations

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

The Corporate Officer requested to add "Call for Committee Members" as Item for Discussion 5(g).

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Teresa Omelus
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the late item.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
CIB-2025-03-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Teresa Omelus

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2025 be adopted.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
CIB-2025-03-02

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update from the February 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that Council unanimously supported the Committee's request to register for the Communities in Bloom program this year. Staff have already completed the registration under the modified evaluation "Grow" category with a focus on enhancement. A \$1,000 budget has been worked into this year's financial plan.

(b) BC Communities in Bloom February Newsletter

The Corporate Officer advised that staff have applied for the Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection Grant for twelve signs and we should find out whether it was successful by the end of this month.

(c) BC Communities in Bloom Getting Started Package

The Committee discussed the following:

- Councillor Jackson will invite Catherine Kennedy to attend a meeting and present
- The Corporate Officer will circulate a few recent photos of gardens in the Village to the Committee for selection of which photo to use as the "My Community" photo
- The 2014 Community Profile will be circulated to the Committee as a starting point for updating it

(d) Terms of Reference

No discussion.

(e) Project Ideas

The Committee discussed the following:

- A "Homegrown" theme to support locally-grown flowers
- Involving businesses through Tourism's newsletter and the Chamber of Commerce
- Union support for a specific project
- A wildflower/pollinator garden on the grass sections near the lagoon
- A volunteer planting day hosted by the Committee to plant a new garden bed proposed near the lagoon, depending on budget. The Director of Operations will come back to the next meeting with more details.
- Involvement with the school and the greenhouse there, potentially with children growing plants from seed that can be planted in a new garden bed
- Having a table at the May 3, 2025 environmental event and handing out wildflower seed packets to encourage people to plant a pollinator garden
- Beach clean up day involving students
- Canada Day float

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- T-Shirts for Committee members to wear at events
- Door knockers
- Advertising on the Village's Facebook page

(f) Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m.

(g) Call for Committee Members

Moved by Margaret Shier
Seconded by Teresa Omelus

THAT Council direct staff to put out a call for more Communities in Bloom Committee members.

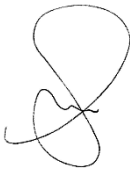
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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Teresa Omelus
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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UNANIMOUSLY
CIB-2025-03-04



Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer