



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Communities in Bloom Committee Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 22, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Susan Caley
Susan Galvao
Janice Moffat
Teresa Omelus
Margaret Shier

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Teresa Omelus
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
CIB-2025-05-03

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Teresa Omelus
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
CIB-2025-05-04

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Garden of the Week Schedule

The Committee discussed logistics for Garden of the Week and agreed to submit information on each winner to the Village by Thursday evening so that the winners could be posted on Facebook for "Flower Friday". The Corporate Officer advised that the t-shirts are ready for pick-up in Chilliwack and it is expected that the Miracle-Gro products should arrive shortly, as staff just followed up earlier this week. The Committee discussed looking at small gardens, condos and businesses. There was discussion surrounding challenging local businesses to create something edible for the Judges' Welcome Event.

(b) Garden Tour

The Committee determined that Saturday, July 5 would work for a Garden Tour day. The Committee discussed the following:

- Vegetable gardens can enter
- The Tour would start in the morning and run into the afternoon
- Participants could allow people to stop by anytime during the set timeframe and tour their front and back yards
- The Committee members will reach out to people they know to see if they'd be interested in signing up
- Asking those on the tour not to bring dogs

Staff will take these details and start putting out information on the Garden Tour Day to garner interest.

(c) Community Planting Day at Lagoon Garden Bed

The Corporate Officer advised that everything is moving ahead for the Community Planting Day at the Lagoon Garden Bed. The Village's horticulturist is ordering the plants and staff will advertise it more frequently as the date nears. It has been posted on the website, notice boards, Communities in Bloom Committee Facebook page and Electronic Message Board.

(d) Canada Day Parade Float

The Committee discussed wearing straw hats decorated with flowers, and their Communities in Bloom t-shirts. Staff will order a banner that can be held up during the parade and re-purposed for other events. Councillor Jackson advised that Walnut Avenue is the muster point starting at 4pm and the parade starts at 5pm. The Committee discussed handing out candy or seeds.

(e) Judges' Visit – July 8/9, 2025

The Corporate Officer passed around a draft tour map for the Committee's consideration and requested Committee feedback on the top three gardens to visit. The Committee discussed the Village Entrance and the new Lagoon Garden Bed.

The Committee reviewed the 2014 tour schedule from the Judges' Visit. It ran from the morning into the early afternoon. Staff will contact the judges to determine whether they would like to have dinner at Woods Park or just light snacks. The Corporate Officer advised that BC CIB has sent a form that needs to be filled out by May 30, 2025 and is seeking Committee feedback on the best gardens to visit in the Village. The Committee discussed the Village Entrance and the beachfront area.

Staff will use the draft map to create a draft itinerary for the judges' visit.

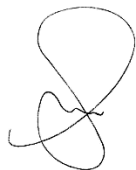
(f) Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 19 at 10:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Janice Moffat
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

CARRIED
CIB-2025-05-05



Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer