



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Communities in Bloom Committee Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, August 12, 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: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Janice Moffat
Seconded by Susan Caley

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
CIB-2025-08-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Janice Moffat

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
CIB-2025-08-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Judges' Visit Debrief

The Committee commented that despite the rainy weather, it was felt that the tour went well and the judges left with a good impression of the Village. The tour was successful, and the judges appeared to have enjoyed their time at the various stops. Councillor Jackson thanked the Committee members for their participation and will discuss the budget for the awards dinner taking place in Kelowna with management staff. There was discussion surrounding entering in all six categories next year.

(b) Garden Tour Debrief

The Committee provided feedback on the Garden Tour which was very well attended and received, with one participant counting 42 attendees overall. The property owners were very engaged and happy to share their gardens. Some visitors were encouraged to participate next year as a tour stop. There was discussion surrounding a local carver and incorporating a carving into a future project to improve the lighting on McCombs Drive. The Committee discussed potentially obtaining sponsors for prizes next year.

(c) 2026 Annual Work Plan / Budget

The Committee discussed potential ideas for the holiday season including:

- Holiday lighting contest
- Cooperating with the quadricycle rental business for a light tour
- Christmas tree decorating contest
- Participating in Lights by the Lake
- Gingerbread decorating contest for children with a floral theme
- Having a tractor to move people around to view the lights

Each Committee member will submit their ideas for future projects in advance for inclusion on the next agenda.

(d) Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 8 at 10:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Teresa Omelus
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

CARRIED
CIB-2025-08-03



Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer