



A meeting of the **Stratford Communities in Bloom Committee (CIB)** was held on September 3, 2020 at 12:00 pm – 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON – City Hall Auditorium

Present: Councillor Brad Beatty – Chair Presiding, Paul Smith, *Carys Wyn Hughes, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Jo-Anne Russell, Barb Hacking, Susan Wright

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Katherine Gunnel Gavin, Kimberly Richardson, Cindy Carlson

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Beatty called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – January 9, 2020

Motion by Paul Smith, seconded by Jo-Anne Russell to adopt the previous minutes dated January 9, 2020 as printed. Carried.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) 2020 Project Plans and Budget Update

The Committee discussed their 2020 budget and the current remaining funds. Due to the pandemic, the Committee was not able to complete many of the scheduled projects and events that they had originally planned for 2020. With the year coming to an end, the Committee would like to see their budget funds put towards the better of the community and discussed re-allocating their remaining budget to the Lights On Stratford initiative. Councillor Beatty noted that some of the seasonal snowflake lights that the Committee previously purchased, are in need of repair and some budget funds will be required for this.

**Motion by Jo-Anne Russell, seconded by Susan Wright
THAT use of the remaining funds in the 2020 budget be allocated to provide the required maintenance on the existing snowflake lights and any remaining budget funds be used to support the upcoming Lights On Stratford community project.
Carried.**

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

a) 2020 Pumpkin Parade Plans

Members discussed the event, specifically that controlling the number of attendees and limiting contact would be too difficult. They will investigate options to share information online and on social media to encourage citizens to compost their pumpkins.

**Motion by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Paul Smith
THAT the 2020 Pumpkin Parade not be held as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic.
Carried.**

*Carys Wyn Hughes no longer present (12:45 p.m.)

b) 2021 CIB Budget Request

Committee members discussed upcoming projects for 2021, as well as projects in 2020 that they were unable to complete. Members agreed that the amount approved for 2020 would be sufficient again in 2021.

**Motion by Jo-Anne Russell, seconded by Barb Hacking
THAT the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee requests a 2021 budgetary figure of \$9,000.00 from the City of Stratford as follows:**

Materials/Registrations	\$4,500.00
Meeting Costs	500.00
Special Projects	<u>4,000.00</u>
	\$9,000.00

Carried.

c) 2020 CIB Awards

Councillor Beatty discussed participating in this year's awards in the back yard/front yard category. They have extended the submission deadline for this category to September 4, 2020. Barb Hacking will put together a nomination package for a

local citizen. Councillor Beatty will notify CIB that Stratford will submit a front yard nomination.

d) Ted Blowes Memorial Pollinator Garden – Barb Hacking

Barb Hacking reported that she and Cindy Carlson worked on the Ted Blowes Garden this summer planting and watering the annuals. They have also made approximately 100 ladybug rocks for people to take and others have also painted and left some of their own rocks. A local grocery store donated all their perennials that they had left over from their garden centre when they were closing for the season. Ms. Hacking will forward a thank you for the Communications Lead to post on behalf of the Committee.

**Motion by Susan Wright, seconded by Councillor Henderson
THAT the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee spends \$320.38 to
cover costs for the 2020 planting of the Ted Blowes Memorial Pollinator
Garden.
Carried.**

6.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Pumpkin Parade – November 1, 2020 - *Cancelled*

7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – Thursday, October 1, 2020 – T.B.D.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Jo-Anne Russell, seconded by Barb Hacking to adjourn the
meeting. Carried.**

Time: 1:05 p.m.