



Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee (CIB)

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Complex – Mansbridge Room, 353 McCarthy Road W., Stratford ON

Committee Members: Councillor Brad Beatty – Chair Presiding, Barb Hacking, Cindy Carlson, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Carys Wyn Hughes, Jennifer Mitchell

Staff: Vicky Trotter – Council Committee Coordinator, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The current Chair to call the meeting to order.

Reading of the Land Acknowledgment and A Moment of Silent Reflection

Reading of the Respectful Workplace Conduct Statement

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member and to otherwise comply with the Act.

3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes – December 4, 2025 & February 11, 2026

Motion by

Seconded by

THAT the minutes from the Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee meeting dated December 4, 2025 and February 11, 2026 be adopted as printed.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.1 2026 Judging Plans – Councillor Beatty
- 4.2 Update on Ted Blowes Garden – Barb Hacking
- 4.3 Update on Gateways Project – Vicky Trotter/Carys Wyn Hughes

5. New Business

- 5.1 Scott's Canada 2026 Gro for Good Grant Initiative – Councillor Beatty
- 5.2 Urban Garden – Cindy Carlson
- 5.3 Reclamation Garden Award – Councillor Beatty/Vicky Trotter
- 5.4 International Community Garden – Cervia, Italy – Councillor Beatty

6. Upcoming Events

- Cervia, Italy – International Garden – May 22-28, 2026
- Annual Scott's Miracle Grow Contest -
- Spring Fling Event –
- CIB National Judging -
- Pumpkin Parade – November 1, 2026

7. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 12:00 p.m. – **City Hall,** Auditorium, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON

8. Adjournment

Motion by
Seconded by

THAT the March 5, 2026 Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.