



## COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday August 11, 2021  
02:00 PM

### **PRESENT:**

Chair: Vicky Downes, Vice-Chair: Bette Anne James Members: Fran Berry, Nicole Cripps, Peggy Bell, Janet Trogon, Councillor Wendy Cheropita

### **REGRETS:**

Councillor John Wiens, Janice Johnston

### **STAFF:**

Kevin Turcotte	Manager, Parks & Recreation
J.B Hopkins	Supervisor of Parks
Bobbie-Jo Talarico	Administrative Assistant

### **OTHERS:**

Liz Klose

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Vicky Downes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Fran Berry that the agenda be adopted.

### **APPROVED.**

#### **3. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared at this time.

#### **4. Previous Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of June 9th, 2021

### **APPROVED.**

#### **5. Presentations**

5.1 Year of the Garden Proclamation with Liz Klose:

Liz gave a summary of her background and her experience.  
An overview was shared about the Year of the Garden for 2022, this is not a competition it is a celebration.  
Bette Ann will share the material from Liz with CIB.

## **6. Announcements**

### **6.1 Dedication to Diane Hemmings:**

The tree, plaque reveal and speeches were done yesterday at the Museum in honour of Diane, it was a special tribute. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

## **7. Correspondence**

### **7.1 Letters from residents:**

[Letter from Stan Harrington](#)

[Letter from Peter Babcock](#)

CIB acknowledges that we have received the correspondence.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1 Project Updates:**

National CIB "Visit" and update to CIB book:

There was a meeting last week with 2 of the judges, information was shared.

Staff advised they received feedback from the questions we had, some highlights were shared, staff will share the Q&A with all CIB members.

The committee discussed the profile book, a working group was created, members will be Janet Trogon and Fran Berry.

Garden of the Week Final update:

Bette Ann advised that the submissions are closed. Entries increased, voting closes next week. Winners will be announced the week of August 23rd. Prizes will be given and photo's will be taken of the winners for the CIB judges.

Gardens of Hope:

Vicky advised the gardens are growing, the media was involved in the last harvest, there is a contest coming up and Vicky will bring back more information to the next meeting.

Chautauqua Tree Project:

Staff advised that Leslie is working with the Town.

St. David's Garden /Adopt-a-Park:

Fran gave a brief overview of the St. David's Garden and the activities that have taken place. Volunteer hours are also being recorded.

An invitation from the Friends of St. David's for all CIB Members for Aug 26th, 2021 from 2-5pm at the Lions Club pavilion on York road to showcase the activities that they

do.

#### Community Garden:

Vicky updated that the garden is bustling, they have harvested 271 pounds to date from the garden, the volunteers have been working really hard. The basket is emptied daily at the Library, Migrant Farm worker group has a hub from 4-8pm on Thursdays, we will be joining and have produce available on August 19th. Newark neighbours also gets produce from the garden. Volunteer hours are also being recorded.

#### Greenhouse project:

Vicky and Kevin had a meeting with the coordinator, there is a memorandum of agreement that has been sent for review. Discussion took place regarding the Greenhouse itself. Kevin will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

#### Hydro Box Paintings:

This has gone out for the artist call out which closes Aug 22/21.

#### Queen/Mississagua project:

Staff updated that there was a motion made at the June 21st council meeting that Council is taking the lead on the project with Mr. Kowalchuk, a thanks went out to CIB and the project is on JTC for feedback. The survey closes Aug 22nd and a recommendation report will be brought to council. This item will be added to the pending item from the CIB project list. Timeline was outlined.

#### Tulip Sales / results:

Staff updated that there was \$2,360.00 gained out of sales which goes to the Tree Fund.

### **9. New Business**

#### 9.1 Heritage Trail project:

The committee discussed the Heritage Trail project, staff advised that they recommend as there is a Heritage Trail committee that they take the lead and if they need CIB's assistance they can reach out. There may be some CIB assistance needed with planting of wild flowers and maybe a hydro wrap.

#### 9.2 Rainbow garden:

Councillor Cheropita discussed a letter from a resident regarding a rainbow garden vs. a crosswalk. The committee and staff discussed this topic.

### **10. Next Meeting Date**

October 13, 2021 @ 2pm

### **11. Adjournment**

**ADJOURNMENT: 03:30 PM**