

**Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee Minutes  
June 8, 2010  
28 Bay Street, Antigonish**

**Present**

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm, Chair  
Mayor C. Chisholm  
Councillor D. MacInnis  
Councillor D. Roberts  
M. Amit  
A. Arnold  
L. Jewkes  
O. Landry  
D. Miller  
A. Murray

**Also Present**

A. Paon, Antigonish Regional Development Authority (ARDA)  
D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts  
Seconded by Councillor D. MacInnis  
"That the Agenda be approved with additions." Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts  
Seconded by O. Landry  
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on May 11, 2010, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes**

- Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) Grant  
CAO D. Kampen reported that a meeting is scheduled with the Antigonish Regional Development Authority (ARDA) members A. Boucher and Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm later this week to review what they have put together to date for a formal application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. She further noted that A. Paon might also attend the meeting.
- Duties of Gardener (A. Arnold)  
CAO D. Kampen advised that she is meeting with C. Griffiths on a weekly basis and that work activity forms are being completed. She further noted that the Summer students are currently staining the planters.

Brief discussion took place on the wooden wheelbarrow which is to be planted and placed in front of the Town Hall. It was generally agreed that the wooden backboard of the wheelbarrow feature the words 'Welcome to the Main'.

A. Arnold advised that she had spoken with C. Griffiths about thinning the 'suckers' growing in the area behind the Admiral Auto Glass building. CAO D. Kampen agreed to speak with C. Griffiths to have this work carried out later in the season.

The Committee was further updated by CAO D. Kampen on other activities being undertaken by the Summer students, with A. Arnold noting that whipper snipping is needed along the front of Columbus Field, as well as weeds along the base of buildings along Main Street and suggested that they be dug up or the use of vinegar to kill them. M. Amit circulated comments from last year's Communities in Bloom judges, and suggested the list be given to C. Griffiths. CAO D. Kampen advised that she had already spoken with K. Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer, regarding the weeds along the buildings.

O. Landry noted that an alley area between the former D.D. MacDonald building and the new library site should be tidied up and weeded.

A. Paon noted that an application being put forth by Recreation Director, T. Cameron, the County of Antigonish, and the Antigonish Regional Development Authority to Eco-Action Funding, may result in some bike racks being located within the Town. She requested the Committee give some thought as to where appropriate locations for the racks would be.

A. Arnold noted that in a conversation with K. Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer, he had suggested staining the garbage containers rustic red.

A. Murray agreed to re-stain/paint the Town's 'Welcome' signs (4) but may only get the one at Chisholm Park done this year. A. Murray agreed to co-ordinate through K. Proctor, to have the students to do the flower box bases and stain posts on the 'Welcome' signs.

A. Arnold noted she had heard that the owner of Easting Bakery would like to improve the wooden planter located in his alley-way. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, expanded on information she had received from S. Swick of the Easting Bakery, noting that she has been attempting to contact him to confirm the work he wishes to carry out would be at his own cost.

A. Arnold noted that work to the wooden benches is on the to-do list for the students, and further that she had been advised by K. Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer, that due to bridge construction a bench had to be removed and can be relocated elsewhere. She suggested the bench be placed on West Street, near the former Municipal Building where a large tree was once located, and noted a cement base may be required.

- Flower Baskets

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, reviewed the flower baskets orders received to date. A. Arnold agreed to follow up on two brackets that are required. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, agreed to forward a flower basket order form to I. Kadray. A. Arnold noted that four (4) brackets had been ordered on behalf of Mr. I. Kadray from Pleasant Valley Nurseries.

It was noted that the baskets are to be hung next week with Canada Day flags being hung on June 28, 2010.

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, advised that water for the flowers will no longer be available from R. Burrows property and expanded on the reason for this.

A. Arnold noted that there is an 'S' hook at Public Works that appears to belong to the Tim Hortons® on James Street. She further noted that a bracket is required on St. Andrew's Street and the Kirk Building. She agreed to forward an e-mail to CAO D. Kampen and K. Proctor, P.Eng., on the proper location for the brackets.

- Flowers for Bridges

A. Arnold agreed to monitor the students as they hang the baskets on the bridges and noted this may take a couple of days to complete. She noted bridge baskets will be hung beginning June 21, to be followed by the baskets being hung on June 28, 2010. She noted that the surveillance signs should also be put up on the bridges. D. Miller made reference to a camera that is used in the woods and suggested that a local company, Leaves and Limbs, be contacted for further information in this regard.

- Benches

A. Murray noted that he will be meeting with S. Gray later this week to discuss re-positioning some of the benches at Chisholm Park. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, expanded on the status of the grant for benches. M. Amit suggested a bench be placed in the vicinity of the CIBC bank.

Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm agreed to contact Mr. C. MacGillivray regarding his empty lot on Main Street. It was further suggested that a bench be placed near the Cairn Park where the 'Dancer in the Park' used to be.

A. Paon suggested the Town might also want to look at the area next to the Maritime Inn for possible upgrades.

- 3-Slot Recycling Stations

Discussion took place on where the four (4) recycling stations should be placed. It was generally agreed that one (1) be placed on James Street, three (3) on Main Street (Bergengren Credit Union, Columbus Field, and near the Royal Bank).

- Trees

A Murray advised that he had observed a tree which had been damaged in front of the Scotia Bank building. CAO D. Kampen noted that in the future larger calliper trees will be purchased in an effort to thwart damage, also, maple trees will be planted instead of ash. M. Amit reminded the Committee to be mindful of the long-term management plan. O. Landry advised that due to other commitments, B. Wainwright is not able to be as involved with this Committee as he had in the past.

- Lights at Chisholm Park (Councillor D. Roberts)

Councillor D. Roberts acknowledged the assistance of L. Jewkes in obtaining lights for the large tree at Chisholm Park and displayed them for the Committee. She further noting that in speaking with the Town's Comptroller, T. Wadden, he had suggested that as Admiral Auto Glass has half-ton truck with a 'boom' that they be used to put the lights on the trees, as the large Town Electric Utility truck could cause damage if the ground in the area is soft at the time of installation of the lights. She further noted that this would cost \$105.00 per hour and take approximately 3 to 4 hours to complete.

Councillor D. Roberts advised that she is still awaiting a response from Public Works and Government Services Canada for permission to use their electricity for the lights, and is hoping that the tree can be lit in time for Canada Day. In response to a query from A. Arnold, Councillor D. Roberts advised she would like to have the lights clipped onto the tree branches.

- Fountain

A. Murray reported that he had been in contact with Arsenault Monuments and that they had quoted approximately \$25,000.00 for a base for the fountain. A sketch of some examples of fountain bases were circulated for information. It was generally agreed that this far exceeded any expectations of what this would cost and would be looked at again.

### **Other Business**

- Budget Items

Mayor C. Chisholm noted that an additional \$15,000.00 had been added to the Beautification Committee's budget this year, bringing it up to \$40,000.00.

Moved by D. Miller

Seconded by M. Amit

"That Town Council be formally thanked for their ongoing support and contribution to the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee." Motion carried.

- Graffiti Policy

CAO D. Kampen noted she has nothing further on the Policy.

- Posters on Poles (Councillor D. Roberts)

Councillor D. Roberts commented on the unsightliness of posters on poles within the Town and questioned why S./Cst. S. Smith is not doing anything about it. CAO D. Kampen advised that currently he is working on unsightly premises issues.

A. Paon noted that as a result of BRE interviews, the Town will be receiving a letter from the Antigonish Regional Development Authority requesting the Town either put in place a poster Policy, or if one exists, to have it enforced.

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by A. Landry

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by O. Landry

"To recommend that Council give consideration to the misuse of posters and signage being placed on poles within the Town." Motion carried.

CAO D. Kampen agreed to speak with S/Cst. S. Smith on the matter of posters on poles.

M. Amit noted the importance of having a community bulletin board being included in the application to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

- Journals for Communities-in-Bloom Judges

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, advised that she is still trying to contact K. Dickson of the Town of New Glasgow on what information they provide the judges.

M. Amit noted that she had reviewed the categories for Communities-in-Bloom, and suggested the Committee submit an application for the 'Community Involvement' category.

A. Arnold noted she has many newspaper clippings that could be included in the journals, along with pictures that Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm has.

- Time of Meeting(s) (Councillor D. Roberts)

Councillor D. Roberts made reference to the start time of the meetings of the and noted that CAO D. Kampen and D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, along with some Committee members, are tasked with an extremely long day attending these meetings after a full day of work. She further noted that she feels the meetings are too long and are rushed. Deputy Mayor L. Chisholm noted that the Committee members are a very passionate and committed group with Mayor C. Chisholm noting that the Agenda is always very extensive.

Following a poll of the Committee it was generally agreed that the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee will meet at 5:00 PM.

- Planting at former Petro-Canada Site (A. Arnold)

A. Arnold questioned whether a plan had been put together to plant at the former Petro-Canada site with Mayor C. Chisholm noting that permission would be required from Petro-Canada. Brief discussion took place and A. Arnold agreed to e-mail D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, in an effort to determine the boundary lines between the Petro-Canada and the Town. A. Arnold noted that if there is not enough room on the Town's side for a proper planting bed, perhaps 6X6" railway ties could be used to build something up high enough to plant in.

A. Arnold noted that there is an opportunity to install a planting area similar to the one at the intersection of West and St. Ninian Street, further down St. Ninian Street close to where it turns down to Main Street. Brief discussion took place with A. Arnold agreeing to speak with D. Myers on a design and CAO D. Kampen to speak with C. Griffiths on having the area planted with suggestions on what to plant to come from Phyllis at Pleasant Valley Nurseries. It was generally felt that \$1,000.00 should be sufficient funds to cover the cost of a planting design and a few plants.

Mayor C. Chisholm questioned whether the Town receives a discount from Pleasant Valley Nurseries, given the large order that is placed. He further noted that he would be willing to write Pleasant Valley Nurseries to request a discount, but would need details on what is typically ordered.

Moved by D. Miller

Seconded by M. Amit

"To recommend that Council approve the expenditure of approximately \$1,000.00 for the purpose of having Mr. D. Myers prepare a planter plan and to install plants for an area at the southern intersection of Main and St. Ninian Streets." Motion carried.

Moved by D. Miller

Seconded by M. Amit

"To recommend that Council approve Ms. A. Arnold discuss and make arrangements with Mr. D. Myers for the design and installation of a planter plan for an area at the southern intersection of Main and St. Ninian Streets.

It was generally agreed that there would be a Special meeting called just prior to the arrival of the Communities-in-Bloom judges.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by D. Miller

Seconded by M. Amit

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.

