

**Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee Minutes
November 8, 2011
Council Chambers**

Present

Councillor L. Chisholm, Chair
Councillor D. MacInnis
M. Amit
A. Arnold
O. Landry
D. Miller
A. Murray
B. Wainwright

Mayor C. Chisholm
Interim CAO T. Wadden, CA
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Absent

Councillor S. Cameron (with regrets)
L. Jewkes (with regrets)
Dr. J. Hamilton

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis
Seconded by O. Landry
“That the Agenda be approved as amended.” Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis
Seconded by A. Arnold
“That the Minutes of the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee held on October 11, 2011, be approved as circulated.” Motion carried.

Business from Minutes

- Wall at Cairn Park
B. Wainwright noted that he will call Mr. Vermeer again in the Spring in an effort to have the wall built at the Cairn Park.
- Smoke-Free Area By-law; Final Reading
The Chair spoke briefly on the proposed Smoke-Free Area By-law noting not all comments received were positive, she further noted the comments received. The matter was discussed briefly. Interim CAO T. Wadden reviewed the positive reasons for the By-law to be implemented.

- Photos on Website

Discussion on having photos of the Town placed on the Town's website was discussed with T. Wadden noting that due to limited space, not all pictures can be posted. D. Miller suggested that perhaps a link to the photos on Facebook or Twitter could be set up.

A. Arnold provided brief comment on a banner at a recent Chamber of Commerce event, noting it featured pictures of the Town and County and of the flower cart in front of Town Hall.

- Gardener

D. Wilson provided details on the term of employment for the current Gardener.

- Budget

Discussion took place on the perceived and actual budget that remains for the Beautification Committee with the Chair noting that at the last meeting the Gardner's salary had not been factored in. The amount spent on compost was discussed along with the possibility of using mulch from the Christmas Tree mulching event. Interim CAO T. Wadden indicated that approximately \$4,000.00 remains in the current Beautification budget.

The Chair noted that Down to Earth Framing is willing to pay for the cost of lighting the tree in front of their business and to keep it lit.

Discussion took place on the lights for trees on Main Street and it was generally agreed that A. Arnold would purchase lights and be reimbursed by the Town. Discussion on lighting trees in general took place and it was generally agreed that 6000 lights be purchase and Admiral Auto Glass be used to put them up.

At 5:55 PM A. Murray joined the meeting.

- Fall/Winter

In response to a query from M. Amit, Interim CAO T. Wadden indicated that a new accounting system will be put in place which will allow better tracking of budgets.

- Hanging Baskets

Brief discussion took place on the hanging baskets and the lateness in them coming down. A. Arnold noted that some dollars were wasted as some baskets were taken down by merchants and the baskets not saved.

The Chair spoke briefly on the arms for the lampposts. It was noted that the banners created by A. Murray's students needs to be checked on and that additional wreaths (six – (6)) should be ordered for the Canal Bridge.

Brief discussion took place on electrical poles and what is and is not permitted to be put on them, with Interim CAO T. Wadden expanding on the details.

- Site Vision

Deputy Clerk D. Wilson relayed comments made at a recent Police and License Committee regarding ornamental grasses at the James/West Street intersection and brief discussion took place.

B. Wainwright questioned whether it might be possible to purchase a grate for one of the trees. It was generally agreed to defer this discussion until the next meeting when considering the upcoming budget.

At 6:20 PM A. Arnold left the meeting.

- Benches/Recycling Stations

The Chair noted that benches and recycling stations are going up as time permits.

- Up-lighting Town Hall

O. Landry suggested the Town give consideration to up-lighting the front of Town Hall.

Brief discussion took place on Christmas lights on the tops of buildings.

Moved by Councillor D. MacInnis

Seconded by Mayor C. Chisholm

“That the meeting be adjourned.” Motion carried.