

**Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee Minutes  
July 7, 2009  
Councillor L. Chisholm's Cottage at Mahoney Beach**

**Present**

Councillor L. Chisholm - Chair  
Councillor D. Roberts  
Ms. M. Amit  
Ms. A. Arnold  
Mr. J. Hamilton  
Mr. L. Jewkes  
Mr. A. Murray

D. Kampen, MPA, Chief Administrative Officer

**Absent with Regrets**

Mayor C. Chisholm  
Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis  
Mr. M. Gabrieau  
Ms. O. Landry  
Mr. D. Miller  
Mr. B. Wainwright  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

**Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Mr. J. Hamilton  
Seconded by Ms. A. Arnold  
"That the Agenda be approved, as circulated." Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts  
Seconded by Ms. M. Amit  
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on June 9, 2009, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes**

- **Dancer in the Park**

The Chair reported that when the Dancer was removed, the head became detached. Both the head and the body are in the Public Works garage.

- **Watering Cart**

Ms. A. Arnold reported that she saw the watering cart in operation today and it is very effective; and the watering team from Celtic Community Homes is pleased with the cart. Chair, Councillor L. Chisholm, reported that the renovations to the cart were more expensive than anticipated but the company is invoicing for the quoted amount; the company requested the placement of a small ad on the side of the watering cart. CAO D. Kampen has approved this ad.

- **Hanging Baskets**

Ms. A. Arnold noted concerns regarding watering of all plants after a heavy rain event. It was agreed that CAO D. Kampen would write Mr. B. Chisholm of Celtic Community Homes to specify that regardless of whether or not there has been a heavy rain event, the flowers on the Whidden Street Bridge and the flowers along Main Street need to be watered as the majority of them are under an overhang; further, after a heavy rain event, the flowers on James Street, St. Andrews Street or the remaining bridges do not require watering.

Ms. A. Arnold also noted that requests have come from businesses to have hanging baskets and there are some brackets that need replacement. Ms. Arnold and CAO D. Kampen will co-ordinate this with Public Works and Mr. Ken Proctor, P.Eng., Town Engineer.

Ms. M. Amit thanked Ms. A. Arnold, Councillor L. Chisholm, Councillor D. Roberts, and Mr. A. Murray for their assistance with the hanging of the baskets.

Mr. L. Jewkes arrived at 6:25 PM.

- **Canada Day Flags**

Chair, Councillor L. Chisholm, noted the Canada Day flags were placed on the lampposts on June 30 and removed after Canada Day. They were well received. There was general discussion regarding the placement of flags for other events and the requirement of bolts/collars for the lampposts.

- **Gardener**

General discussion regarding the gardener and his duties. It was agreed that a prioritized list would be provided to CAO D. Kampen for the gardener on a weekly basis. Mr. L. Jewkes noted that a job description should be drafted for the gardener position with beginning and end dates and a budget. It was agreed to review this in the Fall.

- **Strategic Plan**

Chair, Councillor L. Chisholm, reported that Ms. A. Paon of the Antigonish Regional Development Agency is assisting the Town with their Strategic Plan and will incorporate this into the Committee's final draft.

**Camera at Whidden Bridge**

CAO D. Kampen reported that Ms. D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, was investigating this request; however, she is on vacation. A report will be made at the next Committee meeting.

- **Benches – Post Office**

Mr. A. Murray reported that he has been attempting to contact Mr. S. Gray regarding the re-positioning of the benches.

**Communities in Bloom**

Chair, Councillor L. Chisholm, indicated the Communities in Bloom judges will be arriving on August 11, 2009, judging to take place on August 12, 2009, and leaving on August 13, 2009. It was agreed that Councillor D. Roberts would investigate what play was on at Festival Antigonish for the evening of August 11, 2009. There was general discussion surrounding the information to be provided to the judges.

Chair, Councillor L. Chisholm, reviewed the Communities in Bloom package and enquired if the Committee was interested in selecting an additional category to compete in. It was agreed that this would be discussed for 2010 Communities in Bloom.

**Other Business**

- **Community Gardens**

Ms. A. Arnold noted she was pleased with the number of community gardens that were "popping up" in Town.

- **Watering Wands**

Mr. L. Jewkes reported that he will be obtaining two (2) wands for the watering cart.

- **Historical Walking Tour**

Mr. J. Hamilton reported that he had purchased MP3 players to have pre-recorded history of the Town and areas for a historical walking tour. He indicated the MP3 players could be rented at the Town office for a small fee along with a driver's license. Areas within Town would be numbered and the tour would speak to these areas.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. J. Hamilton

Seconded by Mr. A. Murray

"To adjourn the meeting." Motion carried.