

**Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee Minutes  
September 8, 2009  
Town Council Chambers**

**Present**

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

C. Chisholm, Mayor  
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

**Absent**

L. Jewkes  
M. Gabrieau  
B. Wainwright

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis  
Seconded by Councillor D. Roberts  
"That the Minutes of the meeting held on July 7, 2009, be approved." Motion carried.

**Business from Minutes**

- Watering Cart

The Chair reported on recent issues and repairs to the watering cart. Efforts by Mr. B. Chisholm of Celtic Community Homes in this regard were acknowledged. The issue of non-staff/Council purchasing items on behalf of the Town was discussed. The Chair agreed to speak with CAO D. Kampen in an effort to determine whether an exception might be made to ensure no future delays in having repairs made to the watering cart when necessary. A maximum purchase amount of \$200.00 was suggested.

- Gardener

The Chair advised that a meeting was held to review the role/position of the Gardener during his term. It was noted that the job description needs to be further refined with more specific details and timelines. Brief discussion took place on the future position of the Gardener for both the Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee and the Recreation Department.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

Seconded by M. Amit

"To recommend to CAO D. Kampen that the full-time seasonal position of Gardener be offered to Mr. C. Griffiths in the future, with clearer, more specific time-lines to be included in the job description". Motion carried.

- Video Surveillance

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk, updated the Committee on the existing and proposed new camera and equipment. Further information is expected.

- Garden Category – Communities In Bloom

M. Amit advised the Committee that she had gathered together information and pictures/new clips and submitted an application to the Communities in Bloom 'Best Community of Gardeners' category on behalf of the Town/Committee. The results are expected in mid-September, 2009.

The Deputy Clerk was requested to distribute a Thank You note received by the Chair from the Communities in Bloom judges.

A. Arnold noted that, as a result of already winning five (5) blooms, the Town would/was not competing against other municipal units, but rather, technically, competing against itself in a 'Circle of Excellence' category. She further noted that this is a requirement in order to remain a part of the Communities in Bloom.

- Historical Walking Trail

The Chair noted that work needs to be done to move forward with the Historical Walking Trail project. It was noted that brochures need to be developed and it was suggested that the St. F.X. Service Learning Department be contacted as a possible venue for the brochures. Brief discussion took place on the community signage as it relates to the upcoming highway twinning.

- Beautification and Land Rehabilitation Committee Policy

The Chair requested the Committee review the amended policy and to e-mail her of any concerns with the Policy.

### **Other Business**

- Removal of Flower Baskets

The Chair noted that a date needs to be chosen for the hanging baskets to be removed. She noted that the agreement for watering the flowers expires at the end of September. Brief discussion took place on leaving the baskets in place until (St. F.X.) Homecoming Weekend (October 3, 2009). It was generally agreed to request that watering of the flower baskets continue for an additional three (3) days this year, and that the time-frame for next year be reviewed before next season.

It was noted that with the return of university students there may be enough damage to warrant the removal of the baskets from the bridges. If so, Public Works will be requested to take down the baskets and remove the planted material but to save the baskets and handles.

Brief discussion took place on possible Fall planting of bulbs, Councillor J. MacPherson's suggestion of using red ribbon on light posts, Christmas lights for the large tree at Chisholm Park, and merchant's lighting of their buildings.

A. Arnold apologized for not meeting with Ms. A. MacKenzie to review the outstanding invoices from last years' hanging baskets and suggested another Committee Member take on this task. Following brief discussion it was generally agreed that the Chair would work on the details of the outstanding invoices; the invoices will then be mailed out accompanied by a letter from the Mayor.

- Senior's Secretariat

The Chair advised the Committee that the deadline for applications under the Senior's Secretariat's Age Friendly Communities Program is October, 2009.

Moved by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

Seconded by A. Arnold

"That the Town, under the direction of CAO D. Kampen, file an application for the purchase of benches under the Senior's Secretariat's Age Friendly Communities Program, prior to the October, 2009 deadline." Motion Carried.

### **Other Business**

- Bench Request re Cairn Park

Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis reported that he had been approached to have the Town place a bench at the Cairn Park; however, the area requires improvement before this could be given consideration.

- Flower Baskets re Hurricane Bill

A. Arnold reported that two (2) flower baskets on St. Andrew's Street had come down as a result of Hurricane Bill. The baskets were retrieved by Public Works and it was noted that larger brackets may be required.

- Lion and the Lamb – Main Street

A. Arnold noted that the cement base below the Lion and the Lamb needs attention. It was noted that this appears to be a deficiency on the part of the Contractor (Gray's Greenhouse). It was further noted that this work was carried out as part of an Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) grant. Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis advised he would bring this matter to the Recreation Committee.

- Recycling Stations

Brief discussion took place and it was generally agreed to request the Waste Management Committee to pursue the purchase of recycling stations.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor D. Roberts

Seconded by Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis

"That the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.

