

**Community Enhancement Committee Minutes
Town Council Chambers
September 7, 2022 – 5:00 PM**

Present

Councillor A. Murray, Chair
Mayor L. Boucher
Adam Baden-Clay
O. Landry

Absent with Regret

Councillor M. Farrell
Anuj Jain

Also Present

K. Gorman, Director of Community Development
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

A. VandeSande, Yard Pro

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM and provided details on the promotion of K. Gorman to the position of Director of Community Development. The Chair introduced A. VandeSande of Yard Pro to the meeting.

The Chair advised the Committee that for the past two (2) summers Yard Pro has been carrying out the maintenance and gardening work for the Town and congratulated his company for a job well done

K. Gorman noted that moving forward the Town would be looking at continuing its partnership with A. VandeSande (and Yard Pro).

It was noted all Town-owned gardens, including Columbus Field, Chisholm Park and James Street are included in the work.

In response to a query from the Mayor L. Boucher, the Chair advised that a proposed garden for the 'hill' leading into Town has been put on hold due to new pending 'round-a-bouts' proposed for various areas.

At 5:16 PM A. VandeSande left the meeting.

Brief discussion took place on the process to have gardening matters attended to.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with an addition. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Community Enhancement Committee Minutes of December 2, 2021, with an amendment, as presented." Motion carried.

Scheduling Future Meetings

The Chair advised that the first meeting of the newly formed Community Enhancement Committee has met four (4) times. He advised that Covid played a part in meetings not being held.

It was suggested that Committee members be requested in advance as to whether they have any additions for the agenda.

It was also noted that for the benefit of the Committee that the role of the Committee should be clarified.

Brief discussion took place on a specific date for Community Enhancement meetings and it was generally agreed meeting be held the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM.

Overview of Downtown Enhancement Project

K. Gorman, Director of Community Development circulated a list of recent enhancements made to the downtown and other areas of town and expanded on details on funding of two (2) grants received and a scope of the projects to date.

K. Gorman distributed an outline of new and ongoing work being done to Chisholm Park, Columbus Field, Main and James Streets. She noted that staff will be looking at various items in order to become more sustainable and reference was made to the self-watering planters.

The Chair provided comment on the successful mural project, noting the artist is a St. FX student and that the mural will be place to the rear of the Town Hall.

Brief discussion took place on the self-watering planters and the bridge basket program.

Brainstorming Discussion for Next Season (Tabled)

Trees

The Chair provided comment on the number of Dutch Elm stricken trees noting that one behind Brownstone is infected. Reference was made to an Elm tree to the rear of the Antigonish Town Volunteer Fire Department. The Chair noted there are other diseased Elm trees to be identified.

Due to a prior commitment the October meeting will be held on October 12th.

Adjournment