

**Beautification Committee Meeting
February 12, 2019
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Chair, Councillor A. Murray
Councillor D. Roberts
Councillor M. Farrell
O. Landry
A. Arnold

Absent with Regrets

Mayor L. Boucher
D. Kyle
D. Geldart
L. Jewkes

Also Present

K. Gorman, Marketing and Communications Officer
S. Scannell, Director of Community Development
D. Maybee, We Plant This Town

Call to Order

Chair, Councillor A. Murray called the meeting to order 5:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the agenda as presented." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting as presented."
Motion carried.

Presentation

The Chair turned the meeting over to D. Maybee with We Plant This Town for a presentation.

D. Maybee noted he is looking to add edible plants into the Town's planter boxes on Main Street. This would be an extension of his work on a community garden with the Antigonish Library and would include members of the public to participate in workshops that would allow them to learn about growing their own food.

It was discussed that only half of the planter boxes would contain edible plants. It was also discussed that the edible plants chosen should have flowers. It was further noted that the Committee would provide a list of plants that would like to see included and D. Maybee would work with the Town Gardner to source the plants.

Consideration was made for the watering of the plants and S. Scannell will look into what sort of water/fertilizer mixture CACL uses when watering the flower boxes. A. Arnold agreed to contact a former employee of Pleasant Valley Nurseries to inquire about what brand of fertilizer the Town used when they previously had edibles in the planter boxes a number of years ago.

Follow up discussion concluded that this was an excellent idea to proceed with. The Committee with work with K. Gorman to develop a promotional plan around this project.

D. Maybee left the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Trees Canada Grants

Postponed until next meeting.

Flowers for 2019 Season

The Flowers Subcommittee are to meet to pick flowers choices for the upcoming season. Meeting to be held: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Christmas Décor

Chair A. Murray distributed a package to committee with renderings of the décor options for the light posts on Main Street. Noted that further graphics from LeBlanc Lighting are expected in the coming weeks.

S. Scannell noted that just lighting décor for the lampposts is being presented to Council this year considering the costs associated with purchasing new decorations.

Discussion took place about approaching this as a three-year plan. First year buying enough for a every second lamp post, the remaining lamp posts the following year and then the East Main Street Bridge in the final year.

Committee noted that their top picks for lights were the North Star and the Ribbon. It was mentioned the light posts on Whidden's bridge do not have outlets for lights, so a solution will have to be worked out with the Electric Utility.

Discussion took place about leaving the lights up longer so they are winter décor, not just Christmas. It was decided the committee would like to have the lights up from November 12 to February 15.

Chair A. Murray reviewed the final recommendation to be discussed at Council, which is: request for installment of a three-year plan of winter lighting décor. First year request: \$23,450 plus tax plus, installation and shipping for 16 North Stars to be purchased and have them to be lit from November to the middle of February. It was noted that they have to be stored in a safe space and have the proper crate to ensure nothing gets damaged.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.