

**Beautification Committee Meeting
January 9, 2018
Town Council Chambers**

Present

Chair, Councillor A. Murray
Deputy Mayor D. Roberts
Councillor M. Farrell
A. Arnold
D. Geldart
L. Jewkes
D. Kyle
O. Landry
David Miller
P. MacNaughton, St. FX Student Union Representative

Absent with Regrets

Also Present

Special Projects Coordinator, S. Scannell
D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order

Councillor A. Murray, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM and welcomed everyone.

Approval of Agenda

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

At 5:07 PM A. Arnold and D. Miller joined the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2017 meeting with amendments." Motion carried.

New Business

- Communities in Bloom – Competition for 2018

The Chair provided details on the Town's options for 2018, noting that the Town can stay in the non-evaluated category until 2020. He sought the committee members opinions on the matter.

At 5:17 PM S. Scannell joined the meeting.

Following comments and suggestions from Committee members it was generally agreed to enter a non-evaluated category this year, and to make an effort to better promote Communities in Bloom.

S. Scannell spoke about a member of DEANS who is working in our community and who may be able to get some motivation going on Communities in Bloom. Brief discussion ensued. Councillor M. Farrell noted that she will be meeting with representatives of Special Olympics and would seek any suggestions they may for promoting.

- Flower Supplier Update / Flower Types for 2018 Season

Chair A. Murray suggested the sub-committee try and meet this week to pick the types of flowers for the upcoming season.

- Budget Update and 2018 Budget Preparation

S. Scannell confirmed that those who provided flowers last year will do so again this year.

- Status of Budget

S. Scannell distributed a budget report, noting that the Committee is overbudget on the watering contract and the flower baskets. He expanded on the details. It was noted that CACL clients were also picking up litter as well as extending the length of time for watering. Discussion ensued.

It was noted that the Antigonish Mall ordered flowers, however, CACL were unable to provide watering service. Discussion ensued.

S. Scannell noted wreath recovery has not been factored into the budget at this time.

S. Scannell responded to D. Miller, noting that the only remaining project listed was the replacement of the planter boxes (through a call for proposals), and provided additional information on the budget. He further noted that although the ask for Beautification last year was \$18,000., however Council only approved \$6,000. S. Scannell spoke to where the budget from last year was spent.

S. Scannell responded to D. Kyle on trees and the budget. Discussion took place on the Town's "Dedication" program.

S. Scannell noted he wanted the Committee to put thought into what should be included in the upcoming budget. He noted he would send around a list, and members could put forth any additional thoughts they have, in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.

D. Miller spoke to a dedication program in Parrsboro. Discussion ensued.

- Tree Information / Tree Report

Chair, Councillor A. Murray noted he was impressed with the information provided by H. Steegh's 2005 report, and provided some comments from the detailed information that was included in the report.

The Chair then referred to recommendations made for trees by C. Griffiths in 2016. He noted that in discussion with S. Scannell, that perhaps a tree sub-committee be formed that could, in addition to providing recommendations, review and match up the Steegh's report in conjunction with information provided by the Gardener.

D. Kyle had noted she had agreed to gather additional information and speak with Mr. A. Williams (Urban Forestry Coordinator) of the Town of Truro in an effort to have members of their organization attend a Beautification meeting.

D. Geldart, D. Kyle, and L. Jewkes agreed to sit on the tree sub-committee, along with perhaps H. Steeghs and B. Wainwright (to act as advisors on tree matters), with D. Geldart as Sub-Committee Chair. Discussion took place.

The Chair noted that as trees are removed, he would like to see the condition of the tree and the soils.

“It was moved and seconded to recommend to Council that a tree sub-committee be formed.”
Motion carried.

Chair A. Murray suggested that the tabled items on the Agenda be passed on to the newly formed tree sub-committee.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At 6:15 PM.