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City of Barrie

Minutes - Final

Communities in Bloom Committee

Wednesday, November 7, 2012 | **4:00 PM** | **Georgian Room**

For consideration by the Community Services Committee of the City of Barrie on November 20, 2012.

The Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee met at 4:23 p.m and the following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present:
Councillor B. Jackson
D. Bagnell
K. Bagnell
E. Mountain.

Staff:
Parks Horticulture Planner, M. Boyd
Recording Secretary, S. Tuck.

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee will continue to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, unless there is a holiday on the Monday proceeding.

2013 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PREPARATION

The Committee noted that they will participate in the 2013 Communities in Bloom Showcase. Mona Boyd, Parks and Horticulture Planner for the City of Barrie explained that she will submit the Committee's entry forms and fee for the 2013 competition.

The Committee reviewed the 2012 Communities in Bloom Judge's Evaluation and discussed the results in comparison to the previous year. It was noted that the areas of Heritage and Urban Forestry have taken the most significant decrease in points. The Committee discussed possible solutions to improve this area for 2013.

STATUS OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Committee discussed the status of the Community Gardens in The City of Barrie and noted issues and concerns. The Committee will invite staff from the Engineering Department in January to discuss Community Gardens.

FUTURE VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT IDEAS

The Committee discussed options to engage more volunteers to assist in Communities in Bloom events. It was suggested that Barrie high schools be contacted for student recruitment for 2013 events.

POTENTIAL FUTURE SPONSORSHIPS

The Committee discussed potential future monetary and service sponsorships. It was agreed that securing sponsorships will assist in the costs associated with the Communities in Bloom events and related costs.

The meeting was adjorned at 5:09 p.m.

CHAIRMAN