



**Minutes - Final
Communities in Bloom Committee**

Thursday, April 14, 2016

4:00 PM

Georgian Room

For consideration by the Community Services Committee on May 4, 2016

The Communities in Bloom Committee met at 4:11 p.m. in the Georgian Room and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

Councillor, R. Romita, Chairperson
K. Bragnell, Vice-chair
D. Brooke-Bagnell
J. Hosick.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, J. Werth
Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator, M. Boyd.

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

VACANT BUSINESSES ON DUNLOP STREET UPDATE

M. Boyd, Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator provided an update regarding decorating vacant store front businesses on Dunlop Street to help with the beautification of downtown Barrie. Ms. Boyd advised that she had met with C. Stevens, Managing Director of the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Association (BIA) and an interested business owner of a vacant store property on Dunlop Street. The Committee discussed themes and displays for the store front window property.

J. Hosick provided an update regarding his meeting with the Barrie Arts Committee to discuss the placement of artwork in store front windows at vacant businesses on Dunlop Street.

2016 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM

The Committee met and discussed the 2016 Communities in Bloom Program.

M. Boyd, Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator confirmed that the Communities in Bloom Judges will visit the City of Barrie from July 26 to July 28, 2016.

Ms. Boyd informed the Committee that she has contacted Access Barrie to advertise registration for the 2016 Communities in Bloom program and to update the City of Barrie website.

PROPOSED PATHWAYS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

M. Boyd, Parks Horticultural Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the Pathways Partnership with the City of Barrie for the proposed urban agricultural use of the John Edwin Coupe Park. Ms. Boyd noted that this proposed initiative would involve over twenty community organizations to create a self-sufficient community garden.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.