



Minutes - Final
Communities in Bloom Committee

Thursday, March 10, 2016

4:00 PM

Georgian Room

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

The Communities in Bloom Committee met at 4:00 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

Councillor R. Romita, Chairperson
K. Bagnell, Vice-chair
D. Brooke-Bagnell
J. Hosick
A. VanderWerf
K. Warner.

ALSO PRESENT:

C. Stevens, Managing Director, Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Association.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator, M. Boyd.

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

DOWNTOWN BIA - VACANT BUSINESSES ON DUNLOP STREET

The Committee met and discussed with C. Stevens, Managing Director, Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Association (BIA) the use of vacant store front businesses on Dunlop Street for the placement of artwork to help with the beautification of downtown Barrie. J. Hosick indicated that the Barrie Arts Committee would be interested in assisting with this art project.

The Committee discussed the next steps and Mr. Stevens noted that he will arrange a meeting with property owners of the vacant businesses and invite Mr. Hosick to attend.

JOHN EDWIN COUPE PARK

M. Boyd, Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator provided an update regarding the John Edwin Coupe Park. Ms. Boyd commented that discussions are taking place for community organizations to partner with the City of Barrie for proposed urban agriculture uses for the park.

2015 GRID EVALUATION

The Committee met and discussed the Communities in Bloom 2015 Grid Evaluation and the recommendations provided by the Communities in Bloom judges from the 2015 Communities in Bloom program. The Committee and will consider working on the initiatives prior to the 2016 Communities in Blooms Program.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN