



Minutes - Final
Communities in Bloom Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2016

4:30 PM

Georgian Room

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

The Communities in Bloom Committee met at 4:40 p.m. and the following were in attendance:

PRESENT:

K. Bagnell, Vice-chair
A. VanderWerf
D. Brooke-Bagnell
J. Hosick
K. Warner.

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, T. McArthur
Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator, M. Boyd
Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development, W. Fischer.

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

PARKS PLANNING INITIATIVES - PROJECT UPDATES

W. Fischer, Supervisor of Parks Planning and Development provided the Committee with update on current Park Planning projects throughout the City of Barrie.

Mr. Fischer discussed the status of the following park projects:

- The Military Heritage Park - Mr. Fischer noted that federal funding was received for the park and that staff are initiating the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a detailed design and large landscape. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2017.

- John Edwin Coupe Park - Mr. Fischer noted that the retaining walls will be taken down at the John Edwin Coupe Park due to deterioration and that the area will need to be redesigned as a result of the removal. He commented that staff are investigating the possibility of using the site for Community Gardens.

Members of the Committee asked questions related to the information provided and received responses from staff.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Committee discussed ideas for community projects including:

- Downtown Vacant Businesses - Store front window artwork or short term business leases;
- John Edwin Coupe Park - Community Gardens and landscape design;
- A Remembrance Garden; and
- The Scotts MiracleGro Company - Gro1000 Initiative (the creation of 1,000 Community Gardens and Green Spaces by 2018).

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CHAIRMAN