



**Minutes - Final
Communities in Bloom Committee**

Thursday, May 12, 2016

4:00 PM

Georgian Room

For consideration by the Community Services Committee on September 7, 2016

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

PRESENT:

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

STAFF:

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

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM - 2016

M. Boyd, Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator discussed with the Committee the Communities in Bloom Program for 2016.

Ms. Boyd advised that the City of Barrie will be competing in the Grand Champions category consisting of Boissevain-Morton, Manitoba and Barrie, Ontario. She noted that the judges will be Alain Cappelle from Nieuwpoort, Belgium and Berta Briggs from Wetaskiwin, Alberta. They will be arriving in Barrie on July 26, 2016 and departing on July 28, 2016.

CELEBRATE BARRIE

M. Boyd, Parks Horticulture Co-ordinator provided information regarding Celebrate Barrie. She noted that the event will be held on June 4, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Centennial Park. Ms. Boyd advised Begonias will be handed out at the event.

VACANT BUSINESSES ON DUNLOP STREET

J. Hosick provided an update regarding the beautification of storefront windows for vacant businesses on Dunlop Street. He noted that he is waiting to hear from C. Stevens, Managing Director of the Downtown Barrie Business Improvement Association (BIA) to move forward with the project.

The Committee discussed ideas for the vacant storefronts such as signage from the Barrie Arts and the Communities in Bloom Committees.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN