

**MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
May 3, 2012**

Present: Councillor Peter Simons, Councillor Steven Wildeboer, GIS Coordinator/Technician Graham Scott, Chairperson Rob Spencer, Assistant Director of Parks & Leisure Services Gerry Little, Secretary Danielle Kennedy, Will Brown, Marilyn Crowshuman, Grace Fix, John Leard and Sue Anne Hennessey.

Call to Order: Chairperson Rob Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer to approve the agenda as presented with the following addition:

- . Review the Trade Show

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

2. **Confirmation of the April 5, 2012 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Minutes of the April 5, 2012 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented with a change to the plant swap meet being on May 12, 2012 not April 12, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

None.

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

The Statement of Revenues and Expenses was presented. Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Statement of Revenue and Expenses be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

5. 2012 Projects

a. Banners

Chairperson Rob Spencer said that Director of Parks and Leisure Services Lee Penner is working on a breakdown of how much it is for the committee to have Parks and Leisure switch the banners every year.

b. Community Gardens

Chairperson Rob Spencer said that the Community Gardens have been plowed and rotatiled, raised beds are being built May 4th 2012 by the help of William E. Hay students, next week they will mulch the garden. Chairperson Rob Spencer is going to get in contact with the Stettler Independent and let them know to come take pictures of the students helping build the raised beds for the community gardens. Chairperson Rob Spencer also said trees and plants have been donated to the community gardens as long as the beautification committee pays the freight cost for getting them out here. The beautification committee has also paid for a water tank for the community gardens and the stand for the tank is being built for us at no cost. Chairperson Rob Spencer brought forth a breakdown of assumed expenses of the community gardens for 2012. The launch date for community gardens is on Friday May 25 at 6:30pm.

c. Communities in Bloom

The committee viewed the application form for the 2012 outstanding achievement awards and Rob Spencer said the committee is going to apply for it.

d. Environmental Action Sub-committee

Grace Fix said that the Environmental Action Sub-committee was approved for the grant from the TD Canada Trust Bank that they had applied for to use for purchasing 13 bike racks and 70 recycle baskets. Grace Fix brought forth two detailed maps of where the Sub-committee would like to place both the bike racks and the recycle baskets. Councilor Steven Wildeboer asked Grace Fix if GST was included in the grant estimate, Grace Fix was unsure so she is going to get ahold of the TD Bank and get back to the committee about it. John Leard suggested that the committee should volunteer their time to install the recycle baskets to cut down on the installation cost and get Parks and Leisure to install the bike racks. Will Brown questioned Grace Fix on how long we had to install the racks and baskets after receiving the grant, Grace told the committee that in a year of receiving the grant the racks and baskets need to be installed. Will Brown motioned that the committee buys 70 baskets, 13 bike

racks and have volunteers to install the baskets and any extra money needed will come from the environmental sub-committee. Sue Anne Hennessey 2nd the motion and it was carried unanimously. Grace Fix suggested we write a letter of thanks for receiving the grant. Grace Fix spoke of the environmental sub committees' new project they are calling the fruit & vegetable rescue, which the committee would encourage the town residence that had fresh fruit and vegetables that they didn't want, to use Stettler bidding wars, Stettler buy & sell or the Food Bank. Grace Fix stated that the Green Tips are on Facebook & posted at the Board of Trade.

e. Heritage Conservation Sub-committee

Will Brown stated that the Heritage Conservation sub Committee will be having a meeting on Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 12pm at the Museum.

f. Increase Awareness of Committee/Projects & Encouraging Youth Participation

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

g. Plant Swap

Plant Swap will be May 12, 2012 from 10am to 12pm at West Stettler Park. There will be free compost information sheets there as well as a small composter on display.

h. Garden Contest

Rob Spencer said he will update the information sheet and form for the garden contest and the committee will talk more about the Garden Contest at the next meeting.

i. Website Town Pages HBC & Sub-Committees

Rob Spencer asked all committee members to take a look at the website and make a list of anything that needs to be updated for their sub-committees and bring to the next meeting.

7.Additions

A. Trade Show

The Town of Stettler won an award at the Trade Show for the largest category. Community Gardens gave away most of the seed packages that were made up for the Trade Show and Environmental sub-committee gave away 820 reusable bags.

8. **Next Meeting:** June 7, 2012
9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairperson Rob Spencer at 1:01 p.m.