

**MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sept 5, 2013**

**Present:** Councillor Peter Simons, Chairperson Rob Spencer, Lee Penner, Will Brown, Graham Scott, Grace Fix, Sue-Anne Hennessy, and Jacqui Newton

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Rob Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED  
unanimous

2. **Confirmation of July 4, 2013 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer that the Minutes from the July 4, 2013 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED  
unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

Ember graphics has completed signs for the bulletin boards. They were up for the Communities in Bloom judge's tour. Notifying and awarding of recycling award, beautification champions was completed.

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

Some of the monies are not allocated in the proper columns. Corrections were discussed.

Moved by Chairperson Rob Spencer to accept the amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED  
unanimous

## 5. 2013 Projects

### a. Banners & Signage:

A citizen was concerned about the landscaping around the entrance sign. Lee Penner advised that it would be mulched around the sign and trees planted in the background. Work should be completed this fall before the snow as the trees have already been purchased.

Church signs have been powder coated and are at the Town Shop to undergo some adjustments. Public works will install when time allows.

Three of the four tennis court signs have been approved as to their location but one was not. Approval had to come from Alberta Highways.

Discussion was held regarding the banners to be purchased for areas of town. Lee suggested not using specific business names on the banners and stated that a policy should be created and presented to council prior to ordering the banners.

### b. Communities in Bloom:

Rob Spencer reported that Communities in Bloom Judging went well and that the tour was fantastic. He also reported that he completed 4 applications for outstanding achievement:

- Heritage Conservation
- Environmental Action
- Community Gardens
- Landscaping

National Awards are held in Ottawa from Oct 23-26. Rob wondered who would go and what they would like to attend. There was discussion as to how much was in the budget and the cost of each person to go. Graham Scott, Rob Spencer, and Sue-Anne Hennessey all showed interest in attending. Further discussion will be made after the meeting. It was noted that they have used less than half the budget for beautification and that money was not a problem.

### c. Environmental Action Sub-Committee

Grace Fix has given the final version of "Where to I take...?" A-Z and it will be posted on Sept 26 in co-ordination of the opening of the new Eco Centre.

It was asked whether extra bottle baskets should be purchased to keep on hand. Lee Penner stated that more of the large bottle recycling bins will be purchased by the Skateboard Park Association and they will be using them as a fund raiser. Lee also said that the "Town" is not interested in purchasing more due to the increase in labor for them to be emptied. Rob advised to order 20 more baskets to keep on hand.

Motioned by Grace Fix to purchase 20 more metal recycling baskets for a total of \$1643.60.

Will Seconded

MOTION CARRIED  
unanimous

Wellness committee will be held Sept 20 and Grace Fix will be pitching the walking and biking campaign in hopes that that committee will be interested in pursuing the program.

Will Brown mentioned that Well's Furniture is setting up a storage shed for used furniture to give away or sell cheap to save it from being put in the landfill. He also suggested that we have large recycle bins for when the transfer station is closed. Lee Penner said that curb side is the best solution as with large bins, a lot of unwanted materials would also be dumped in there creating more work.

d. Heritage Conservation Sub-Committee

No business to report.

e. Downtown Park Committee

Will Brown, Lee Penner, Chairperson Rob Spencer, Councillor Peter Simons, and Wayne Smith will be part of the committee. First meeting will be held Sept 20 at 9:00 am at the Coffee Tree.

f. Community Gardens

Friday Sept 6 will be the official opening of the New Community Gardens and thank you to TD for the grant. Shut down of the gardens will be the beginning of October and Rob Spencer is planning to have a pumpkin contest.

g. NEW business

There were 3 entries for the Garden Contest. It was suggested that they be given 1st place-\$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-\$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place-\$50 as there were not entries for all of the categories. Rob Spencer would like to nominate a person from the Community Gardens for the vegetable garden category. Everyone agreed. That person would receive \$100. Lee suggested that the Community Gardens have an award for best garden every year.

It was suggested that meetings will be held at the Stettler Recreation Centre in the future. Future meetings will be held there.

Chairperson Rob Spencer would like to step down as chair of the beautification committee. He asked that other persons on the committee consider taking the position.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Next Meeting

October 3, 2013 at 11:45am Stettler Recreation Centre.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chairperson Rob Spencer at 1:22pm

