

Heartland Beautification Committee Agenda October 5, 2023 Stettler Rec Centre Board Rm

2023 Projects
Environmental Action
Stettler Blooms
Community Appearance
Tree Management
Heritage Conservation

- 1. Agenda/Agenda Approval
- 2. Confirmation of the September 15, 2023 HBC Minutes
- 3. Business Arising from the September 15, 2023 HBC Minutes
- 4. Statement of Revenue & Expenses as of September 30, 2023
- 5. Reports
 - a.) Stettler Blooms
 - b.) Environmental Action
 - c.) Community Appearance
 - d.) Tree Management
 - e.) Heritage Conservation
- 6. Next Meeting November 2, 2023
- 7. Adjournment

"Keeping Stettler Clean and Green"

MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING September 15, 2023

Present:

Call to Order: Chairperson G. Fix called the meeting to order at 12:01pm

1. Additions/Agenda Approval

Moved by G. Fix that the agenda be approved as presented

Seconded: W. Smith

MOTION CARRIED Unanimous

2. Confirmation of August 10, 2023 HBC Meeting Minutes

Moved by L. Norman that the Minutes from the August 10, 2023 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented.

Seconded: A. King

MOTION CARRIED Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

None

4. Statement of Revenues & Expenses

Moved by L. Norman that the August 31 Statement of Revenue and Expenses be approved as presented

Seconded: A. King

MOTION CARRIED Unanimous

5. **Projects 2023**

a) Stettler Blooms

- Garden Tour
 - Not sure of the turn out
 - Will start advertising earlier next year in hopes of getting more gardens to tour
- Community Gardens
 - W. Smith suggested that we change the name of the CG's from 1/2/3 to Central, South and NE. All were in agreeance. W. Smith will work on getting signs.
 - Storage shed for South Garden if made by Metalex we would have to pay. Central Garden Shed was made by high school and should have this one made by them as well. G. Fix will get in contact with new Construction teacher to arrange.
 - It was noted that CG could use more acidity in the soil. A way to solve that would be to add pine needles. Could use the Christmas tree shavings. T. Wilson noted that if working the garden with your hands it may not be best.
 - o There is a noticeable number of weeds amongst gardens

A. King motioned to add the following to the CG Lease agreement:

As a plot renter, you are responsible for keeping your area reasonably free of weeds. If a plot becomes overgrown with dense and/or tall weeds, the plot renter will be notified and if the situation is not rectified in two weeks, Town staff may, at their discretion, rototill the plot under, in order to prevent the spread of weeds to other gardeners.

Seconded: W. Smith

MOTION CARRIED Unanimous

- Raised beds will be purchased this year for Central Garden as a test area for controlling weeds and providing better gardening
- More ownership for plots may be adopted if they are able to prereserve their same spot for the next year
- T. Wilson will check out how many garden boxes should be ordered and advise for next meeting

Community Orchard

- B. Bowie advised that the Nanking Cherries grew really well this year
- B. Bowie asked the Town crew not to turn water off yet as it could use another watering/
- B. Bowie advised that he will be resigning from his position of looking after the Community Orchard after this year

- Memorial Park
 - G. Fix contacted the fitness classes around town to promote the use of memorial park
- Murals
 - T. Wilson contacted Kim from the Stettler Hotel. Kim had more questions before agreeing to a mural. She wanted to know how/what/cost.
 - o This discussion will continue next meeting

b) Environmental Action

- Bottle Fill Stations
 - o G. Fix noted that the bottle fill stations are noticeable from their location. More signage is needed to instruct where they are.
- See report attached to Agenda
- c) Tidiness

No report

d) Parks and Trees

No report

e) Heritage Conservation

No report

6. New Business

None

7. Correspondence

None

- 8. Next Meeting- October 5, 2023
- 9. Adjournment- 1:07pm

HBC Agenda items details - October 5, 2023

1. Murals - Contact Kim at Stettler Hotel - Tina

- Our approach
- cost-share? design, paint, labour
- type of mural? artistic vs historical photo



2. Mason's Project

Covered benches in playgrounds — **Grace: Wayne Tebbe working on design** Start with West Stettler playground

Option A



Option B



3. Community Gardens

a) South Gardens – storage shed – High School will do for materials + 10% - Grace

6' x 8' x 7' high

Hand-made single door – padlock latch

No window Shingled

COMPLETED: early May

Painted or vinyl siding

On skids

Inside - tool-friendly

b) RAISED BED OPTIONS:

Lay-out in Central Gardens – **Tina**Place our order for Central Gardens? – 10?

i) Pnewko Trucking – Travis Overacker: completely self-contained planters with a floor and fully assembled 3'x4' \$325 3'x6' \$475 4'x8' \$650



ii) "Secondly, we could build planters on site with no bottom that would still last forever using our 2x6 and 1x6 lumber, this way materials would come in at \$300 for a 4'x8' planter. I would donate my time to help organize this with tools and plans as Stettler is my home town and I feel this would be a great project. Below is a photo of a ground level planter with no bottom to give you an idea of what can be done."



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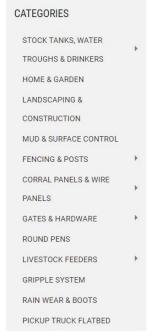
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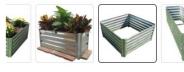
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Rounded corners add 10% Delivery 3 weeks approx. **FOB Tecsteel Edmonton**

4. Community Orchard

- Who reports to HBC? Who waters?
- weed situation?
- replacement trees DNA Gardens? October



5. Planting Memories – Grace

Flower costs: 2022 - \$820

2023 - \$1280

2024 - \$500 Funeral Home budget

Reduce the # of containers planted?



6. Other Ongoing Projects

IODE 3 concrete benches – 2 for Orchard, 1 for Planting Memories – ready for pickup from North Star Trucking Beautiful Yards – pick up signs – **Tina**

Shaw pedestal removal- July 25 determined pedestal is still functional; Rogers will replace.

Followed up on August 31 and September 26.

Tree nursery for Ohio Buckey. Will winter inside. - Allan's place

West Stettler Plaque program – animal identification – we contributed \$2000

Spring: Trade Show Summer: Open House Garden tour

Trash 2 Treasure Communities in Bloom?
Plant Exchange Grow Free Food sharing cart?

Urban Beekeeping Repair Cafe

Planting Memories Eco Excellence award

Container Contest Walk 'n' Roll Idling Awareness

Backyard composting education Water bottle refill – added signage

7. Solar charging working - Downtown Park? - Laura

8. Eco Excellence award for Business - Grace

Our recipient: Julie Mack, PatchouliMint Spa

- presented at Gala Awards October 19
- We sponsor the award for \$350 which includes a plague and two Gala tickets for the recipient

9. Recycling at Stettler Transfer Site – Grace

- Stettler Waste Management Authority is accessing costs to return cardboard, plastics and paper recycling to the Stettler Transfer Site for both Town and County use.
- Still in discussion. Next meeting November.

10. Water Bottle Refill stations - Grace

Add laminated signage in Sports Park dug-out next year.

11. Green Tips for October (attached)

12. Future Projects

Coop Community Spaces grants - \$25,000 to \$150,000 - not for municipalities. www.communityspaces.ca Deadline March 1

Heartland Beautification Committee c/o Stettler Parks & Leisure 6202 – 44 Avenue Stettler, AB TOC 2L1

To: Mayor and Councilors for the Town of Stettler

Re: 2023 Budget Request



"Keeping Stettler Clean & Green"

We are pleased to submit the following list of the 2023 Heartland Beautification Committee projects for your discussion and consideration:

2022 Budget

Total	\$22,200
Meetings/Contingency/Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
Communities in Bloom participation, travel & subsistence	\$ 6,000
Stettler Blooms	\$ 2,700
Community Appearance	\$ 1,000
Heritage Conservation	\$ 2,000
Environmental Action	\$ 5,000
Community Gardens/Community Orchard upkeep	\$ 4,000

N.B. Of note to keep in Heartland Beautification's account is the 2022 donation of \$15,000 from the Stettler Masons to be used for a future project, to be determined once the Town's master park plan is completed.

2023 Goals & Priority Areas

Overarching Committee Initiatives

- "Keeping Stettler Clean & Green"...green in the sense of beautification projects for our town and green in the sense of encouraging local responsible stewardship of the planet.
- Continue activity in our 6 areas of focus:

Community Gardens/Orchard Community Appearance Heritage Conservation
Environmental Action Stettler Blooms Parks & Trees

- Continue to build community awareness of our committee, our priorities and our projects
 - Participate in Trade Show and other suitable events
 - Increase opportunities for community involvement in what we do.
 - Continue to work to involve our youth in beautification and stewardship activities and projects
- Communities in Bloom participation
 - continue participation in Communities in Bloom competitions and attend the National Symposium.

The distance and complexity of attending will limit the number of attendees.

The above budget will be used to carry out various smaller activities and projects or to leverage funding from grants. Additional project funding requests (for specific, larger projects) will be brought separately to Council as required, with separate budgets.

Thank you for your continued support of our projects. We are only successful because of the collaborative efforts of Town Council, Town staff, committee members and the citizens of Stettler. We look forward to your response to our budget request for 2023.

Respectfully yours,

Shace Q J Grace Fix, Chair

Heartland Beautification Committee

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK "Zero-Waste Thanksgiving"

Use real plates and cutlery and cloth napkins. Avoid single-use throwaways. Use leftovers. The planet will be thankful.

No one can do everything. Everyone can do something.

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Oct 9, 2023

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK "Free Fridge Coolant"

Thawing frozen food in the fridge gives you free coolant and saves energy. It's also the safest food-handling method.

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GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"It has a cord? Recycle it!"

Stettler's electronics recycling at the Stettler Transfer Site accepts all electronics including small appliances, audio-visual items, all phones, power tools and games. If it has a cord, it can be recycled.



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GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"A Green Halloween"

Don't spook Mother Nature with throwaway costumes and decorations. Single-use items are scary for the planet.

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GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK "Solar phone charger"

Get a free phone charge from the sun at Stettler's Downtown Park. Works with all phones with wireless charging capabilities. Phone covers may need to be removed.

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