



## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

February 5, 2026 at 2:00pm

Location: The Sunshine Room

#### Present:

- Voting Members
  - John Clement, Claire Rothery, Krista Mackler
- Non-voting members
  - Heidi Kckean

#### Regrets:

- Voting Members
  - Sue Parks, Jane Farrell

#### **1. Call to Order**

- **Meeting was called to order at 1:59am**

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

- **Done**

#### **3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

- **Approved**

#### **4. Disclosure of Additional Items**

- Tay Basin Landscape Competition

#### **5. New Business**

- Debrief 2025 Holiday Season (planters, decor)
  - What went well?
    1. # of volunteers
    2. Planting before the frost
  - What could be improved?

1. Ordering  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the greens
  2. Cleaning Crystal Palace
  3. Incorporating decor into North Street and more of Foster
  4. Beginning and end of BIA needs a little more pizzazz
  5. Outdoor decorating for Holiday merchant Decor Contest
- Strategies for improvement
    1. Pre-cut birch so it's easier to put into the soil
    2. More hydrangeas
    3. Photograph for uniformity
    4. Purchase thinner planters (problem with tipping over)
      - a. BIA Coordinator to ask Town about concrete anchors
    5. Map of planters and even distribution
    6. Lights across the street – what is the height requirement for trucks
- o Communities in Bloom - <https://cibontario.ca/how-to-participate>
- Perth is a previous winner from 2000 and 2015
  - Discussion about the general nature of the program and theme of Therapeutic Gardening
    1. Possible collaboration – Horticultural Society, Garden for the Blind, Heritage, Seniors homes, Montessori School, etc.
  - BIA Coordinator to find information on former participation
  - Discussion about potential budgetary issues
  - General interest in pursuing
  - Next Steps:
    1. Krista and Nancy to meet with representative
    2. Committee members send ideas to BIA Coordinator
    3. Present to Town
- o 2026 Beautification Plan
- What would we like to do?
    1. Keep Christmas as it was in 2025
    2. Focus on Communities in Bloom
  - 2026 Basic Schedule:
    1. March 5
    2. September 3
      - a. Debrief on summer flowers
      - b. Spring flowers selection

c. Christmas planning for dates/volunteers and logistics + design

3. November 10

a. Winter planting/decorating timelines and logistics/project plan

**6. Discussion of Additional Items**

o Tay Basin Landscape Competition

- UofT grad students
- Submit designs for a specific space
- Jury of 7 people (4 Perth residents, 3 high end landscape individuals) selected by UofT faculty
- Pick winner and finalists
  1. Will present their designs in April and have it on display at Crystal Palace
- Can not use their designs because they aren't registered urban landscapers...it spurs inspiration

7. **Next Meeting:** March 5, 2026, 2pm, sunshine room

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm