



Heartland Beautification Committee Agenda June 7, 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 May 4, 2023 HBC Minutes**
- 3. Business Arising from the May 4, 2023 HBC Minutes**
- 4. Statement of Revenue & Expenses as of April 30, 2023**
- 5. Reports**
 - a.) Stettler Blooms**
 - b.) Environmental Action**
 - c.) Community Appearance**
 - d.) Tree Management**
 - e.) Heritage Conservation**
- 6. Next Meeting – July 6, 2023**
- 7. Adjournment**

"Keeping Stettler Clean and Green"

MINUTES OF THE HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
May 4, 2023

Present: Councilor Wayne Smith, Councilor Cheryl Barros, Chairperson Grace Fix, Barry Bowie, Louise Damen, Melanie, Koch, Allan King, Laura Norman, Julie Greiner

Call to Order: Chairperson G. Fix called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm

1. **Additions/Agenda Approval**

Add Trade Show as item #5

Moved by Laura that the agenda be approved as amended. Seconded by Allan King

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

2. **Confirmation of March 30, 2023 HBC Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Laura that the Minutes from the March 30, 2023 Heartland Beautification Committee Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Melanie.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

3. **Business Arising**

None

4. **Statement of Revenues & Expenses**

Moved by Wayne that the March Statement of Revenue and Expenses be approved as presented. Seconded by Louise

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

5. **TRADE SHOW**

Everyone agreed that the trade show was a great success. The seeds being

offered to the attendees was well received. Louise will approach No Frills, Peavy Mart, UFA, Home Hardware and Canadian Tire and see if they would be willing to donate their excess seeds to us for next year. We will also consider getting sunflower seeds for next year as attendees were asking about them.

Unfortunately, the food cycler that was donated was stolen from Laura's garage. Laura was able to obtain a replacement one at the cost of \$250.00.

A motion was made by Wayne and seconded by Allan that Laura be reimbursed the cost of the replacement food cycler.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

We had 4 orders for compost bins. The high school will have them built and ready for pick up.

On Sunday, our pamphlets were placed into reusable bags when distributed to attendees. This worked well and should be considered for next year.

A motion was made by Laura and seconded by Melanie that we book for the 2024 trade show.

MOTION CARRIED
Unanimous

6. **PROJECTS**

a) COMMUNITY GARDENS

Allan and crews will rotor till the garden plots before May 15. Wayne will ensure that the garden plots are marked before May 17. Grace has arranged with the high school to have some students come and help move the mulch to make the pathways. We anticipate the garden space to be ready for renters to plant on May Long.

We have 4 rented plots in each community garden at this time.

Garden #1- The compost bin has been ordered.

Allan and Wayne will look and see if the shed needs to be moved to the North end. It was determined that the water tank would need to be moved to the North end. Allan and his crew will get that taken care of.

Allan and his crew will plant the south end with seed radish.

Garden #2 Allan will check with Metalex about building or donating a shed for this location.

b) URBAN BEE KEEPING

Allan is still looking into the Urban Bee Keeping concept and will report back.

c) COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Barry has started watering the plants, trees and grass.

Last years, Community in Bloom Judge Martin Quinn graciously donated 30 ornamental grass plants. Allan and his crew will be planting the grass between the drainage ditch and the mulch. For his donation, he asked that we have a contest to name this grass species. Our committee will choose a name once we see how the grass grows. Julie suggested Quintessential.

Barry noted that a number of grass bunches in the middle of the orchard have died off. There are also a number of trees that look like they did not survive the winter. Barry will obtain a list of what breeds of trees were lost in order that we can make a decision on how to proceed.

Allan and crews will haul mulch to the Orchard. Once that has been done, we will have a work bee to move the mulch where needed. Grace indicated that her husband could bring their small tractor into town to assist moving to the areas and then we will just need to spread it out.

It was noted that Corey Lindstrom has been helping clean up the orchard. We are very appreciative of volunteers that help with our efforts to keep the orchard in great shape.

d) PLANTING MEMORIES

Melanie and Laura prepared a mapping of where the flower planters and benches will be located. They took into careful consideration the fact that the people planting these flowers are doing so in memory of a loved one and may not want people walking past etc.

It was decided that two of the planters that we used along the pathways in West Stettler Park will be moved to each side of the sign entering into the Planting Memories space.

Allan and crews will get the area prepared according to their plans.

The funeral home will be holding their planting memories ceremony on Jun 5.

e) PLANT EXCHANGE

The plant exchange will be held in conjunction with the Homestead Market at the Agriplex on May 13, 2023. If you have any plants to donate, please bring them to the Agriplex at 11.

f) MASON'S DONATION

Wayne Tebbe and Allan have had brief discussions about designs for the shade.

Grace presented a photo of a design but it was determined that it would be easily vandalized.

Canvas sails were also discussed, but we are unsure of the wear and tear that these could take.

Allan will touch base with Wayne in order that we can get this project underway this summer.

g) CONTAINER CONTEST

The theme this year will be "paint the park purple", This is the theme for Communities in Bloom this year.

Grace and Jacqui will run promotional posts on social media regarding this contest

We will provide a prize for the winner.

h) BEAUTIFUL YARD SIGNS

Tina will set out the 3-yard signs that are remaining from the past years.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

a) CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Grace met with the Board of Trade. They are currently conducting a survey. Grace will meet with the Board of Trade and go over the results of the survey and look at a course of action.

b) CIGARETTE BUTT CONTAINERS

Allan confirmed that they have now been placed around the community

c) WALK AND ROLL

A decision was made by all the communities involved to put this wonderful event on hold for this year and reevaluate it next year.

d) TRASH TO TREASURE

Being held this weekend, May 5, 6 & 7. Grace has placed the signs out. There is already buzz around town about the event.

8. TIDINESS

a) EARTH WEEK

About 20 people attended the BBQ. We were concerned about low attendance and having a business come out to do the BBQ. It was suggested that maybe we move the BBQ to a group like the HYC (as they do a lot of cleaning around town) and have it at 4:00 as an alternative.

We did not have many people attend the rec center to sign up for cleaning different areas of town.

It was suggested that we do more advertising on social media regarding both the clean-up and the BBQ.

Tina was not in attendance, so we will get her opinion on how it went and if things could be improved.

9. PARKS AND TREES

No report

10. HERITAGE CONSERVATION

a) HISTORICAL MURALS

The pedestal by the high school was vandalized. Grace will contact Diverse Signs and see if they know of any cleaning products that may be able to remove the damage.

The pedestal by the Police Station is in disrepair. Allan and his crew will remove it.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None

13. NEXT MEETING

June 1, 2023

14. ADJOURNMENT- 1:02 pm

HEARTLAND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

REVENUE:											
2022	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	Donations 1-64-03-00-00-590	Other 1-64-03-00-00-560	Grant 1-64-03-00-00-850						REVENUE BALANCE
1/12/2022	Masons	Donation	15,000.00								
4/1/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
4/3/2023	Garden Rental			30.00							
4/5/2023	Garden Rental			40.00							
4/6/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
4/11/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
4/14/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
4/18/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
4/29/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
5/1/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
5/4/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
5/10/2023	Garden Rental			10.00							
5/15/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
5/16/2023	Garden Rental			10.00							
5/17/2023	Garden Rental			10.00							
5/25/2023	Garden Rental			20.00							
5/26/2023	Garden Rental			10.00							
Total YTD Revenue			15,000.00	310.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,310.00
Revenue Budget			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue Budget (over)/under			(15,000.00)	(310.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(15,310.00)
EXPENSE:											
2022	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	General Meetings Meetings 2-64-03-00-00-519	Heritage Conservation (banners) 2-64-03-01-00-518	CIB Competition Travel & Subsistence 2-64-03-02-00-214	Community Gardens Supplies 2-64-03-03-00-519	Environmental Supplies 2-64-03-04-00-519	Tidiness Supplies (misc events) 2-64-03-05-00-519	Parks & Trees Supplies 2-64-03-06-00-519	Stettler Blooms Supplies 2-64-03-07-00-519	EXPENSE BALANCE
1/11/2023	Accrue expence	tree chipping signs					(70.00)				
1/12/2023	Heartland Promotions	Tree Chipping Signs					70.00				
1/26/2023	Centre Ice Concession	meeting lunch	120.00								
2/9/2023	Communities in Bloom	Membership			600.00						
2/15/2023	Stettler Funeral Home	credit for planting memories					(912.00)				
2/9/2023	Board of Trade	Trade show booth								736.00	
3/7/2023	Pita Pit	Meeting Lunch	121.12								
4/6/2023	Laura Norman	Gift Baskets-TS								105.99	
4/6/2023	Subway	Meeting Lunch	103.41								
4/6/2023	Sobeys	Meeting Lunch	21.98								
4/20/2023	Centre Ice Concession	Meeting Lunch	135.00								
5/18/2023	Wm E Hay Building Construction	Compost bin					85.71				
5/18/2023	Black Press Group	trash 2 treasure					85.99				
5/18/2023	Laura Norman	Food composter								250.00	
Total YTD Expense			501.51	-	600.00	-	(740.30)	-	-	1,091.99	1,453.20
Expense Budget			1,500.00	2,000.00	5,700.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	22,200.00
Expense Budget (over)/under			(998.49)	(2,000.00)	(5,100.00)	(3,000.00)	(5,740.30)	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	(1,908.01)	(20,746.80)
											Actual
Total YTD Revenue											(15,310.00)
Total YTD Expense											(20,746.80)
Net: Revenue - Expense											(36,056.80)

Stettler Blooms – June 1, 2023

1. Evaluations:

- a) Earth Week Cleanup and BBQ April 21 – Tina
Public thanks? location at HYC?
- b) Plant Exchange: NEW LOCATION and TIME – Laura
May 13 at Stettler Ag Society's Homestead Market
- c) Trade Show – End of season seeds – various retailers - Louise

2. West Stettler Container Contest

Plant unclaimed containers?

7TH ANNUAL CONTAINER CONTEST
WEST STETTLER PARK
THEME: Paint the Park Purple!

ENTER BY CALLING
STETTLER RECREATION CENTRE AT 403-742-4411

Up to 10 teams
No registration fee
Containers and soil provided
You plant it, Town staff waters it all summer.

Planting week June 3-10
Judging day August 1
\$50 Heart of Alberta Dollars for winning design



3. Planting Memories

- Ceremony – Monday, June 5, 3 p.m.
Grace & Park staff for tree

Planting Memories

PFC SFH
PARKVIEW STETTLER
FLORAL CHARTER & CREDITORS FLORAL SCHEME & CREDITORS

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4. Community Orchard – monitored by Barry and Louise

Mulch was added on one row in both phases.
Rewild west side by creek with new grasses - Allan
Name the grass – Quintessential?



5. Mason's Project

Covered benches in playgrounds – Allan: Wayne Tebbe design?

Which parks?

(Rotary Club is providing sails for Spray Park.)



6. Community Gardens - monitored by Tina

Community Gardens sub-group – Tina, Laura, Wayne, Louise
Spraying issue on Facebook

Actions:

- a) CG #1:
 - a) metal compost bin – **Allan purchased \$1240; Tina will paint**
 - b) plant a cover crop of seed radishes on all 3 gardens??
- b) CG #2 – storage shed would be nice – Metalex??? Allan?
- c) What is a Bee City? – urban beekeeping – **Allan, Tina, Laura**
At Community Gardens? At Heart Park?
Revelstoke details? Prep for next year?
- d) Partnership with Museum?? - **Tina**
 - 120 Years of John Deere – Aug. 11 – 13
harvest your garden??? Highlight our heritage???

Jody Stewart

I hope the don't spray a bunch of chemical on it this year. Then we cant eat it as that chemical is what mainly caused my husband's cancer.

If they could do more natural product on it would be to all our benifit.

2d Like Reply

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Doreen Reynolds
Jody Stewart . I agree

7. Beautiful Yards – 3 signs left

CONGRATULATIONS

You've been recognized by one or more Stettler residents for having...



CONGRATULATIONS on being selected for recognition for your efforts in making your yard, and Stettler, beautiful. Take two weeks to bask in your recognition.

Then look around town and find another worthy recipient to recognize.

Take the sign and put it in their yard, with the recognition side facing the street and instruction side facing inward. You can let them know or you can surprise them!

OR

Return the sign to the Parks Office at the Stettler Recreation Centre. If you would like us to pick the sign up, call us at 403 742 4411.

A BEAUTIFUL YARD

Thank you from the Heartland
Beautification Committee



8. Communities in Bloom – ideas from judges 2022

- a) Murals – historical photos in alleys. Check with Leisyl re 6'x 8'? Tina
- through Leann Graham at Planning & Development
- b) Rewilding – west side of Orchard. Other places?
- c) Local oak trees and Ohio Buckeye –
- harvest and plant acorns/seeds in Spring.
Germinate in pots first – Allan
- tree nursery at Heart-shaped Park – Allan
- d) CiB “Challenge” – replace ugly concrete or empty lot with garden, trees or flowers
- REMOVE SHAW PEDESTAL across from RCMP station
- Vandalism on H.S. pedestal wrap – cleaned off by Diverse Signs
- f) 2023 CiB Symposium is Sept. 27 – 30
Wood Buffalo (Ft. McMurray)



9. Future Projects

- d) August 2023: Do Open House Garden Tour in evening before the Farm Tours and Taste of the Heartland event??
- e) Grow Free Food sharing cart

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

**Environmental Action
Report to Heartland Beautification Committee
June 1, 2023**

A. Trash 2 Treasure - evaluation - Grace

May 6 – 7, 2023



B. Recycling at Stettler Transfer Site - Grace

Cardboard Recycling for business & apartments, non-profits and peripheral County residents

Survey sent out with Board of Trade newsletter and physically posted in apartment buildings.

Respondents:

- 10 businesses
- 7 non-profits
- 1 apartment owner
- 16 apartment renters
- 34 TOTAL



Observations:

- 62% put their cardboard in the garbage (fills our landfill unnecessarily)
- 29% burn it (emits toxins into our air and onto our soils)
- 12% take their cardboard elsewhere for recycling (Drumheller, Lacombe, home, to a neighbour)

Who is affected by the loss of regular recycling at the Stettler Transfer Site?

1. Town non-profits – their work benefits everyone in the Town and County
 - Stettler Food Bank
 - Superfluity
 - Museum
 - Heartland Youth Centre Stettler & District Ag Society
 - FCSS
 - Home Support – Meals on Wheels
 - McMan Family Resource Network
 - Animal Haven Rescue League
 - Stettler Information & Referral Centre
2. Town apartment renters: 9 apartment buildings; **255** people (Stats Canada)
3. peripheral County residents estimated at **800 people** (based on County ward populations)

Recommendations:

1. That Stettler businesses continue to be responsible for their own cardboard recycling.
2. That the Stettler Waste Management Authority considering offering cardboard, paper, & plastics recycling at the Stettler Transfer Site for **Town and County** use, to properly serve Town non-profits, apartment residents & County peripheral residents.

C. Idling-Reduction promotion

Sandwich boards and window stickers



D. Water Bottle Refill stations

Currently at Sports Park & Spray Park

Possible locations: Downtown park? Ag Society?



E. Zero waste info for Block Parties

Stettler Zero Waste Initiative

Planning a Block Party or an Event? Be a Zero Waste Participant!

Here's how:

Use real plates and cutlery,

not disposables, in your office and at your events.

Avoid plastic water bottles.

Use Stettler's excellent tap water in a re-usable bottle.

Avoid plastic straws.

We usually don't even need a straw.

Avoid balloon releases.

They land somewhere and become everyone's problem.

Did you know?

- One truck load of plastic enters the ocean every minute.
- 90% of marine animals have eaten plastic.
- Plastics do not biodegrade. They break down into smaller pieces but each piece contains all the petroleum base that it originally had.
- These pieces get into our food chain.



**No one can do everything.
Everyone can do something.**

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ZERO WASTE



**IT'S PRETTY AMAZING THAT
OUR SOCIETY HAS REACHED A POINT
WHERE THE EFFORT NECESSARY TO**

**EXTRACT OIL FROM THE GROUND,
SHIP IT TO A REFINERY,
TURN IT INTO PLASTIC,
SHAPE IT APPROPRIATELY,
TRUCK IT TO A STORE,
BUY IT, AND BRING IT HOME**

**IS CONSIDERED TO BE LESS EFFORT THAN WHAT IT TAKES
TO JUST WASH THE SPOON WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH IT.**

F. Future projects

Repair Café – Sept/Oct

Last one – September, 2019

Volunteer experts offer repair in the following possible categories:

- small appliances, light fixtures
- bicycles
- clothing repair
- musical instruments
- knife sharpening
- clock repair
- computer repair
- small engines
- small electronics



G. Green Tips for June (attached)

H. Enviro Action Expenses to date: (Budget \$5000)

\$5000.00

Pending -

West Stettler plaques program (Brad Robbins) \$2000.00

Cigarette butt receptacles (2) \$ 423.92

Credit: Stettler Funeral Home share of Planting Memories signage \$912.00

June 5, 2023

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Just eat it"

Food waste is a huge world issue. We all make a difference when we buy only what we need and when we use leftovers.

No one can do everything. Everyone can do something.
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June 12, 2023

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Beautiful Yard"

Many contribute to keeping Stettler beautiful. If you receive one of these signs on your front lawn, we thank you for having a neat and tidy yard. Display the sign for 2 weeks then pass it on to another yard that doesn't have to be spectacular, just neat and tidy.

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June 19, 2023

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Refill not Landfill"

In Stettler, there are now water bottle refill stations at the **Sports Park** and at the **Spray Park**.

Bottled water takes $\frac{1}{4}$ litre of oil and 2 litres of water to make the bottle, plus 1 litre of water to fill it.

Choose to refill, not landfill.

No one can do everything. Everyone can do something.

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June 26, 2023

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

"Personal footprints"

**Simple choices reduce your personal carbon footprint:
drive less, reduce consumption, shop local.**

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