Communities in Bloom Minutes of Meeting February 24, 2011 1189 Talwood Court Meeting Room

Present: Yvonne Coveny-Boyd, Chair; Cauleen Viscoff, Lynn Cooper, Barbara

McIntosh; Ken Doherty, staff. Guest: Shirley Eggleton

Regrets: Gordie Henderson

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m..

2. Loss of City Funding Support:

K. Doherty provided background information regarding the Staff recommendation to withdraw full City funding support from the 2011 Communities in Bloom budget in the amount of \$80,000. He also reported that while there was some support for a more modest contribution, the intent of the original report to Council, CSD10-024, dated May 17, 2010 was to ensure that the Communities in Bloom initiative was adequate supported both financially and politically for 2011 and 2012. The prospect of competing with less funds was further challenged by a lack of support to convert a part time staff position to full time in order to support special events, like Communities in Bloom.

3. Future of the Committee:

A broad range of options were explored ranging from continuing without support, to hosting an annual event, to dissolution.

Motion: Moved by Cauleen Viscoff:

Whereas the Communities in Bloom Committee cannot compete successfully at the National level without financial, political and administrative support from the City, it is with considerable regret that the appointed members of the Committee recommend that the Peterborough Communities in Bloom, a Committee of the City's Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, be dissolved. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Lynn Cooper:

That the Peterborough Communities In Bloom Reserve Fund, in the amount of \$14,667.66, be fully disbursed as follows:

\$8,167.66 to the Peterboruogh Zoo's new Animal Healthcare Centre

\$4,500 to the Peterborough Historical Society

\$1,000 to the Peterborough Horticultural Society

\$1,000 to the Master Gardeners

Carried.

4. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Barbara McIntosh; <u>Carried.</u> The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.