



**Communities in Bloom (CIB) Alberta Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026 – ZOOM**

1. Meeting called to order: 7:07 pm. Sherry Cote.
2. Attendees: 21 members of the CIB Alberta Society

Board Members:

Sherry Cote* (Bruderheim), Cathy Kremer*, Heather Edwards*, Bob Lewis*, Emily Neis*, Sharon Miller (Executive Director)

Community Members:

Agnes Whiting* (Provost), Aleta Mumby* (Devon), Ann Blackwell (Whitecourt), Avaleen Reynolds* (Whitecourt), Bob Cote (Bruderheim), Irene Talaga* (Mundare), Janice Milligan (Whitecourt), Jeannet Delos Reyes* (Faust), Joslyn Black (Calmar), Linda Oddan* (Taber), Marie Wenger* (CIB Judge), Maureen Sexsmith-West* (CIB Judge), Ron Checkel* (Coronation), Rosa West* (CIB Judge), Stephanie Trubetskoff* (Calmar)

Confirmation of Quorum: yes (over 50% of members in good standing)

Asterisk () denotes voting representative/participation for the following motions*

3. Approval of Agenda – Sherry Cote requested a motion. Motion to Accept the Agenda as distributed by Aleta Mumby. Seconded by Maureen Sexsmith-West. Votes: 15 in favor; 0 opposed. Motion carried.
4. Annual Report – Sherry Cote/Sharon Miller. A summary of the CIB Alberta Society 2025 activities was distributed prior to the meeting. Sherry and Sharon highlighted the main developments and changes since the Society’s inception in 2024. The most significant included eliminating the provincial “competition” option and replacing it with a simplified Membership structure. The CIB Alberta Society’s emphasis is now focused on promoting and providing learning/sharing opportunities from a variety of sources to encourage communities to “Grow Great Places Together”.
5. Financial Report – Sharon Miller. Sharon summarized the financial information submitted for 2025. The year ended with a small surplus of \$5826. Surplus from the 2025 fiscal year is moved forward into 2026 to ensure ongoing operations and sustainability of the organization – as per CRA rules. Motion to accept Financial Report as presented in the

Annual Report by Ron Checkel. Seconded by Heather Edwards. Votes: 17 in favor; 0 opposed. Motion carried.

6. Special Resolution – Amendments to Bylaws – Sherry Cote. Sherry explained to the attendees the CIB Alberta Society Board members have spent a considerable amount of time on the current Bylaw document to reflect the customized CIB Alberta Society Bylaws from the standardized Alberta Registries Bylaw template. Sherry read the Communities in Bloom Alberta Society Bylaws to all attendees and asked for any questions after each page. No questions were received. Motion to Accept Amendments to Bylaws by Irene Talaga. Seconded by Linda Odden. Votes: 17 in favor; 0 opposed. Motion carried.
7. Board of Directors – nominations from the floor – Sherry Cote. Currently, the CIB Alberta Society Board of Directors consists of Executive Committee members: Sherry Cote (President), Cathy Kremer (Secretary) and Allan Slobodian (Treasurer). Directors at Large: Heather Edwards, Bob Lewis, Carolyn McAuley, and Emily Neis. Open positions - Directors at Large (3). Attendees were asked by Sherry Cote for nominations. Stephanie Trubetskoff (Calmar), Joslyn Black (Calmar) and Jeanette Delos Reyes (Faust) put their names forward. No other names were nominated. These attendees were declared by acclamation and welcomed as Directors of the Communities in Bloom Alberta Society.
8. Other Business – questions from the floor.
 - a. Can CIB communities use the CIB Alberta Bylaws for their own communities?

Reply: Each community should have their own, but they could possibly include portions of the CIB Alberta Bylaws if applicable. CIB Alberta Bylaws will be distributed along with the AGM minutes once the Bylaws are approved by Alberta Registries.
 - b. Could there be more substantial recognition for the communities who achieve a 5 Bloom (the highest level) score?

Reply. Discussion followed. This topic will be discussed by the CIB Alberta Board in future meetings. An informal poll during the meeting suggested recognition of 1st, 2nd, etc. place was desired by the majority.
 - c. Quiet Explorer feedback. Sherry Cote asked some of the attendees who participated in this pilot project for 2025 for their feedback. Mundare, Devon, and Provost representatives all shared this report was very positive, shared it with businesses in their community, and included it in their 2026 Community Profile document. Quiet Explorer will be offered again for 2026 at no additional cost for non-evaluated communities.
 - d. 50/50 raffle. CIB Alberta was recently approved by AGLC to host a 50/50 raffle to support educational opportunities provided by CIB Alberta. Sharon Miller had sent out an email to notify the membership of the 50/50 earlier this week. Already 60

tickets have been sold. Tickets can be purchased through the CIB Alberta website and Raffle Box. All members are eligible to purchase tickets.

- e. Fall Celebration and Conference host – Sherry Cote. Sherry asked if any of the attending communities would like to host for 2026. Stephanie Trubetskoff and Joclyn Black from Calmar offered to host.
9. Adjournment – Sherry Cote. Sherry requested a motion. Motion to adjourn by Ron Checkel. Seconded by Aleta Mumby. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.