

TOWN OF INGERSOLL
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
CIB – 2011 DAFFODIL FESTIVAL

Report No. R-048-09
Approval Date: March 9, 2009

Mayor Holbrough and Members of Council:

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval for the Ingersoll Communities in Bloom Committee to host and prepare for a "Daffodil Festival in 2011".

In preparation of the Festival the CIB Committee is seeking permission to have the "Daffodil" proclaimed as the Town of Ingersoll's official flower and to plant over 50,000 Daffodil's in various park/municipal flower beds, along trails, town entrances etc.

The CIB Committee is also seeking permission to plant up to three acres of Daffodil's in Centennial Park along the hillside on the south side of the river. Centennial Park would be the main location of the Festival and would have the largest display of Daffodil's for visitors to view.

Report

A local citizen named Gladys Mott spearheaded a five year project in 1999 to set Ingersoll a bloom every spring by planting 25,000 Daffodils in various areas throughout the town.

The CIB Committee would like to thank Gladys and her volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making Ingersoll a more interesting and beautiful community.

Over the past several years thousand of bulbs have been lost due to construction projects and grass cutting. The CIB Committee would like to continue the hard work of Gladys and her volunteers and start replanting these bulbs.

Over the next two years the CIB Committee would like to plant over 50,000 Daffodil bulbs in various locations throughout the town. The Committee would also like to transform up to three acres of parkland in Centennial Park into a glorious sight of coloured daffodils.

Once the Daffodils' are planted the CIB Committee would like to organize a one or two day "Daffodil Festival" in 2011 in Centennial Park.

Recommendation

THAT the Town of Ingersoll declares the Daffodil as it's official flower;

AND THAT the Town authorizes the Ingersoll Communities in Bloom Committee to plant Daffodil bulbs in various locations throughout the town i.e. park/municipal flower beds, town entrances, along trails and up to three acres of parkland in Centennial Park (South Side of River) ;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support in principle that the CIB Committee plan and host a Daffodil Festival in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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On Behalf of the Ingersoll CIB Committee