



Bath Gardening Club
Minutes of the June 18, 2026 meeting
St. John's Hall Bath
2 pm

Welcome:

Janice Firth welcomed members in Sylvia's absence.
19 members were in attendance

Approval of the Minutes from May 21

With 2 corrections, a motion to approve was made by Dawn Ford and seconded by Roxanna Beddington.
Motion approved

Garden Comments

Laurie Minorgan shared her recent experience with Connon's Nursery. On returning a plant she had purchased at Connon's, she was told that if she received a discount price at purchase, the warranty was negated.

Members are encouraged to ask any garden centre if this is their policy before purchasing plant materials.

Tristan of Flourish is willing to purchase material using his contractor's pricing.

Updates

Co-Treasurer's Report - Marjory Brunsdon

Marjory reports that the BGC has a healthy balance of \$22,000. GIC worth \$5,397 was renewed at 3% for one year.

BGC

Fritz Fertiliser sales 2026

Sales as at Jun 5, 2026

Total bags mixed and prepared 736

Bags sold 608 - \$ 2,432.00

Bags for BGC -10

Expenses:

Fertilizer mix \$ 1,346.28

Bags, elastics, rent etc \$ 275.75

Total expenses \$ 1,622.03

Current net profit \$ 809.97

Remaining bags and sale value 118 at \$4.00 =\$ 472.00

Potential net profit \$ 1,281.97

Copies of the Profit and Loss Statement from September 2025 to May 31 2026 were available to members.

Summary of Profit and Loss Statement from September 2025 to May 31 2026

	To date	Budgeted for 2026
income	\$18,231.11	24,702.11
Expenses	\$11,076.11	25,327.00
Net Income	\$7,155.00	-624.99

Planting Update - Val Behm

Val thanked all the volunteers who turned out for planting day. The flowers are thriving and maintenance teams are in place.

A market vendor has taken all of the surplus planters,saving them from the landfill.

Val investigated an article from the OHA concerning a company in Winnipeg - **Equinox Desert Planters**- and found out that this company makes a variety of self watering containers.

The price quoted for the planters was \$115.33 each. Taxes and shipping included.
The total price for 18 planters came in at \$2,076.01

We saved 10% through the OHA and 2.5% through Communities-in-Bloom.

The quote was good for 30 days.

There is a 10 year warranty on fading, chipping,cracking, breaking and leaking.

The planters are made in Winnipeg of polyethylene.

Water is added through an opening located at the top of the container and goes to a reservoir beneath the soil. Planters will only need refilling once every two weeks.

The size of the planters is 20x20x20 which is 5 inches taller than the current barrels and about 2 inches smaller at the top.

Once ordered they will arrive within 4 weeks. The Township will store them indoors at their Lodge Street facility until next summer.

The Executive agreed that the details of these planters should be brought to the June meeting and that members present should be asked to vote on a motion to purchase.

Elaine Nicholson made a motion to purchase 18 containers as described. The motion was seconded by Sue Nilsson and approved by a show of hands.

Membership - No report

Sunday Market in Bath - No report

PG/MG/Bugtel - Kim Bonner

Dave and Adam, are keeping our water barrels topped up, helping the garden survive the scorching summer heat. A second barrel was added this year to help reduce the number of trips and the chance of running out. Dave and Adam also take pride in keeping the area neat and well maintained, regularly weed whacking around the garden beds to ensure the space looks its best.

Carol sent out a huge thank you to the volunteers who are scheduled to water, weed, and care for the Pollinator Garden throughout the summer. We couldn't do it without you!

Kim, Carol, and Don will be participating in The Pollinator Partnership Pollinator Week BioBlitz again this year, which runs from June 22nd to 28th. It's a continent-wide community science project where anyone can participate by photographing pollinators and the flowers they visit, then uploading their observations to the iNaturalist platform. It not only benefits scientists and conservationists but also helps us monitor the biodiversity of our Pollinator Garden. Dates and times will be announced as we get closer to the date. All are welcome.

Similarly, the three of us plan to participate in the National Moth Week BioBlitz, which runs from July 18th to 26th. It'll be a night-time visit to the PG, our first! Further details to come.

Kim and Carol are thinking about giving tours of the PG, MG and Bugtel. We have material targeted to adults and/or kids, but nothing scheduled yet.

Kim, Carol, and friends are conducting a free Buzz, Flutter and Fly Pollinator Party at the Babcock Mill from 10-noon on Thursday, July 2nd. There will be a tickle trunk full of costumes, a reading corner, a crafts table, and a 5-station interactive exhibit on the Secret Lives of Pollinators. Everyone is welcome!

The Bath Library has generously invited us to create a dedicated space at their location where we can showcase what our clubs do, share information about upcoming events, offer a community seed library, and inspire more people to discover the joy of gardening. Something to think about and pursue in the fall?

Summer Activities - Janice

Janice will investigate the possibilities of a tour to Sun Harvest Nursery and Afternoon Tea at the Loyalist Golf Club.

Executive Recruitment

A letter has been sent to members describing the need for members to step forward to fill executive positions.

A follow up conversation suggested that

Job descriptions be updated and posted on the BGC website

Recruit beyond BGC members to the broader community through the Honking Goose and the BGC facebook page

Emphasize the option of co-leading

Consider the option of a paid administrator who would answer to the Executive Committee

Prepping for Bath Canada Day Parade

Work stations were set up and the team produced 9 of the cutest sheep ever! Pictures will follow.

The Float will be assembled/de-decorated at Laurie Minorgan's - 138 Country Club Drive before and after the parade.

Many thanks to Sue Nilsson and Laurie Minorgan for their leadership in this project.
Happy Canada Day!

Meeting adjourned

