

COMMUNICATION C4**ITEM NO. 1****COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(PUBLIC MEETING)****September 15, 2021**

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Re: Horticultural issues in Kleinburg

Ongoing issues for the Village appear to be parking, traffic, garbage and horticulture. This letter will address the horticulture issues. I also would like to recognize that this is a COVID-19 year so am taking that into account but some of the issues have been longstanding ones too.

- 1) In this area there are two issues to be addressed. The allowing of contractual signs to continue to be on site long after a project has been undertaken and completed. For example, the entrance to Kleinburg Summit off Stegman's Mill Road has three large signs in the middle of what originally were some planted trees. The second part of the issue is that the area has been allowed to overgrow to such an extent that one can barely see the trees any longer plus the trees have not been tended to once planted so at least half are dead.
- 2) The hanging planters in Kleinburg this summer were dreadful, a total lack of initiative by whomever planted them – when one sees what past years we have been privileged to have and compares to this year – the comparison is not attractive.
- 3) The entrance to the Binder Twine park area – the flower bed and sign were removed at the beginning of the summer and they are still not repaired and back in situ – I gather they are to be returned the first week of October but surely it does not take four months to reconstruct a flower bed and restore a sign.
- 4) The entrance to Kleinburg from Islington and Major Mackenzie – a couple of years ago I attended the 'opening' of this area and the plantings were beautiful, something to be so proud of. Driving by the other day one now sees an overgrown bed plus it appears that a tractor has driven through the middle of the area leaving a swath of barren dirt.
- 5) So many of the plantings which were done along Islington as part of the Streetscape initiative have died – why were not water bags put on them when they were being planted. Whereas the hanging baskets in the Village are watered regularly, it appears the trees were not tended to in the same way.

This is all very discouraging as a resident and I can only imagine the impression people have driving into our Village for the first time. I could go on citing other areas of concern however by now my hope is that by bringing these instances to your attention a plan could be created for planting plus upkeep in future years.

Once again, I do recognize that this was a year where all worked under different and abnormal circumstances however I would have thought outdoor work – being deemed safer – would not have been compromised.

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