2026 Annual General Meeting Document Package

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White City Garden Club Inc. Annual General Meeting Agenda
Nov. 18th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Emerald Park Ramada

AGM AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Welcome (Quorum required = 10% membership)
2. Adoption of Agenda:
3. Adoption of Minutes of AGM Nov 12, 2025 (ATTACHED to meeting package)
4. Business arising from Minutes –
5. President's Report:
    - Year in Review (Committee reports ATTACHED to meeting package)
6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of 2025-26 Financial Statement (ATTACHED to meeting package)

    Motion: To adopt the 2026 financial statement as presented M/S

    Special Resolution:
7. Election of Officers: Jeff Holland, Past President / Nominating Committee Chair & Election Officer
    - Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of two years commencing the day following the AGM of appointment. Positions up for election this year are:
        - **President:** nomination required
        - **Vice President**: nomination required
        - **Secretary**: nomination required
        - **MAL**: up to 2 vacancies(s) available (3 MAL will be serving their second year in 2027) (WCGC bylaws allow 0-5 Members-at-Large)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Following the meeting:

Presentation – Chair/Director of the Regina Floral Conservatory with update on future upgrades to the building.

Social time with fellow gardeners enjoying a potluck of appetizers/desserts. Please bring a serving utensil if required.

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Election Report for AGM 2026

As the Past President / Nominating Committee Chair & Election Officer, I am pleased to submit the 2026 election report.

As per our bylaws, the White City Garden Club Board of Directors shall consist of:

- Past-President

And the elected positions of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Member-at-Large (0 – 5 positions)

Additionally, the election of Board members shall be at the AGM, decided by a majority of the votes cast. With the Members of the Board of Directors elected for a term of two years commencing the day following the AGM.

The following positions have 1 year left in their term:

- Treasurer: Monica Reinkens
- Members-at-Large: Roberta Ekberg, Chuck Brumwell, Line LeRuyet

The following positions have become vacant:

- Secretary
- Members-at-Large (1 position)

Positions with their 2-year term completing at the 2026 AGM are:

- President
- Vice President
- Member-at-Large (1 position)

The status of nominations received as of October 27, 2026, are:

- President:
    - Michelle Bruce
- Vice President:
    - Ward Fjoser
- Secretary:
    - nil
- Member-at-Large (up to 2 position):
    - Janine Heinrich
    - Christina Creusot

As per the bylaw, nominations for these positions will still be received, by contact Jeff Holland at 306-537-6843 or jwh@sasktel.net, as well as during a call from the floor during the AGM.

Bylaws of WCGC can be found at: https://whitecitygardenclub.ca/document/wcgc-bylaws/.

Additional information on the roles of these positions can be found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aR1yczAV5eLsewkmgJd1Rp5aXctiNg2T/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=106021076690883824934&rtpof=true&sd=true

I look forward to facilitating the election at the upcoming AGM.

Respectfully submitted for the Nominating Committee
Jeff Holland (chair)

Minutes of AGM held Nov. 12, 2025, at 7pm at Emerald Park Ramada

1. **Welcome and call to order** by Michelle Bruce at 7:06 PM. Quorum was met with 28 members (39%) of members in attendance.
2. **Adoption of Agenda** The president requested changes to the agenda: #4 Business Arising from Minutes be deleted as there was none. Treasurer's report be moved up to #4. Motion to adopt the amended agenda: moved by Jeff Holland, seconded by Joy Dobson. CARRIED
3. Motion to **adopt the minutes of AGM Nov 20, 2024** (ATTACHED to meeting package) moved by Karsten Elliot, seconded by Sandra Gray. CARRIED
4. **Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Financial Statement** (ATTACHED to meeting package) – Treasurer Monica Reinkens presented the report.

- Motion: To approve the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2025. moved by Roberta Ekberg, seconded by Janine Heinrich. CARRIED
- **Special Resolution** presented to members by Michelle Bruce to waive audit and waive a review of the financial statements for the period ending September 30,2026. Resolution approved unanimously by members attending.

5. **President's Report** – Michelle presented the 2026 Budget. She also summarized the club's purpose, structure and activities. (President's and Committee reports ATTACHED to meeting package) Michelle recognized our wonderfully diverse membership and emphasized how all volunteer efforts are appreciated.
6. **Election of Officers:**
    - Completing terms in 2025 are Monica Reinkens as Treasurer; and Sandra Gray, Roberta Ekberg, Chuck Brumwell and Barb Mysko as MAL.
    - Vacancies are available in Vice President and Secretary positions.
    - Jeff Holland noted that nominations had been requested through email communications to membership, verbal announcements at the fall education sessions, and personal outreach by Board members.
    - A slate of candidates was presented, along with a final call for nominations. Ward Fjoser was nominated for Vice President by Michelle Bruce.
    - **Results of the 2025 AGM election:**
        - Vacancy remains for Secretary
        - Election by acclamation occurred for Treasurer Monica Reinkens, Vice President Ward Fjoser and four MAL positions Roberta Ekberg, Chuck Brumwell, Karen Wallace and Line LeRuyet.
7. **New Business** – Roberta Ekberg presented this year's Community in Bloom's theme- Therapeutic Gardens.
8. A **Motion to adjourn** by Michelle Bruce at 7:25pm.

A presentation by Artist Delee Grant, prize draws, and potluck holiday social followed the AGM.

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President Date

3.1 President's 2026 Report for AGM – Michelle Bruce

As gardeners in Northern climates maybe you, like me, enjoy the seasonal changes to get a reprieve from weeding, planting, weeding, harvesting and weeding again. The Fall gives us time to review what worked well and make some tentative plans on what we will do differently next year. I even look forward to the quieter winter months when I dream up new ideas for next year, order seeds to fuel my obsession with seed collecting and eagerly anticipate the cycle again of planting and watching things grow.

Like the changing of seasons, it is surprising how quickly we have found ourselves at the end of another year of club activities. Please read each of the committee reports to hear about our achievements, and the behind-the-scenes efforts of volunteers such as yourselves. You are appreciated.

Here are some of the things that our volunteers do: bring treats to our meetings, thoughtfully select door prizes, write newsletters/emails, design community flower beds and planters, refer or contact people for garden tours, run PowerPoint presentations at monthly meetings, pay for club expenses, develop new ideas to engage school children in gardening, drill holes to plant flowers and maybe even rake mulch. If you are interested in participating in any of our committees, please let myself or any of our board members know. Whatever level of involvement you want to have, we welcome your ideas and participation.

It is astonishing how many people are aware of and have been a part of the White City Garden Club:

- Monthly our communications director sends out notices to more than 125 people to keep them apprised of what is going on with WCGC;
- The community newsletters and our program cards are available at local businesses and at each meeting for you to share with friends;
- We were recently featured in a "Cheer Story" by the Sask South East Sport, Culture and Recreation District distributed across SE Sask to other volunteer organizations, highlighting our club's activities and efforts to beautify our community and to educate members;
- Annually the Town of White City hosts an appreciation supper for all community volunteers – library, museum, fire fighters, Lions club, senior's group and others-- including the White City Garden Club.

While it is nice to be noticed and appreciated, our club exists because we love gardening. Our mission is to educate our members on matters related to gardening and to promote a love of gardening in the community.

A shout out to our local sponsors – Home Hardware, Sherwood Greenhouse, and Classic Landscape -- who offer discounts to our membership upon presentation of their WCGC membership card.

Spread the word. White City Garden Club is a great organization – bring your friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Bruce
President

3.2 Vice-President's Report - Ward Fjoser

This was my first year as Vice-President in the White City Garden Club, after my wife and I joined as members the previous year. Having retired in December 2025, we thought this would be a good opportunity to join the Board (my wife also joining as a Member-at-Large).
Reflecting on the past year, I can honestly say that this is an extremely dedicated organization, surrounded by individuals who are knowledgeable, passionate and hard-working, with the goal of providing information on a variety of topics and enhancing the beauty of our small communities in Emerald Park and White City. It has been a privilege to be a part of the Board (and overall membership), and I have appreciated the friendly, cooperative environment. Admittedly, my gardening knowledge is severely lacking compared to our dedicated members, but I have learned much and look forward to continuing to grow (pun intended!).
The main duty of the vice-president role is to monitor and analyze membership numbers. Our membership number remains quite consistent from past years but we always have new people joining as others move away or have competing interests. This year our membership reached 74 (up from 71 last year). We averaged 32 people per information session including a handful of drop-ins each month.
One addition to our Board meetings is a dedicated planning session in late fall for the upcoming year, with our inaugural meeting slated for late November 2026. This session will provide the Executive a greater focus on planning for 2027.
As the AGM approaches and we look ahead to 2027, I would encourage all members to consider a role on the Board - It is a rewarding experience!
Respectfully submitted
Ward Fjoser, Vice-President

3.3 Program Committee Report for AGM

WCGC Program Committee was again able to provide a wide range of topics and speakers in 2026 to help grow our skill and passion as gardeners. Of special note was the quick response when we lost Jackie Bantle as a speaker due to a tragic accident. The panel of local experts on starting seedlings did a fantastic job. Another highlight was the presentation by our own Barry and Michelle Bruce on sights and takeaways from some great gardens in England. Other topics this year included FAQs from GardenLine, Tree Cities of the World, Water Features, Lily Beetle Battles, Firepit Design and Safety, and Seed Saving.

Our committee this year was happy to welcome Maureen to the team. Janine has taken on the role of Program Chair after serving as the committee's Board Liaison for many years. We are thankful for the long-term contributions of departing teammates Roberta and Joy.

Program Committee thrives on new ideas, innovative processes, and fresh eyes. We are looking forward to presenting another great line up for 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
Program Committee (Barb Mysko, Janine Heinrich, Jeff Holland, Joy Dobson, Maureen Howell, Michelle Bruce, Roberta Ekberg)

3.4 Flowerbed Committee Report for AGM – Nov. 2026

As another busy year comes to a close, our committee has reviewed the successes and disappointments of our chosen plant varieties and planting designs involving both the flowerbeds and planters. We are planning some changes but rely heavily on dependable petunias throughout. Each year we experiment with a variety of new plants and new varieties of old favorites to provide an interesting display for the community. The different growing conditions of each new year provides challenges and sometimes unexpected results. Overall, we are pleased with our results this past year. We will continue to source our plants from Sherwood Greenhouse and consult with Philip on our choices. We are grateful for his willingness to dedicate greenhouse space to our order and keep the plants until our late May planting times.

A big thank you goes out to our volunteers who plant, mulch, weed, monitor our planters, and clean-up in the fall. The community appreciates our work, and we couldn't do it without our many helpers, both club members and non-members. We also depend on the maintenance teams from White City and Emerald Park who help get the beds and planters ready for planting in spring and water and fertilize over the summer. Our thanks to both the RM of Edenwold and Town of White City for taking an interest in our projects and for the funding they provide to make it happen.

Our committee welcomes new members to share in the planning and organization of our flowerbeds and the Adopt a Planter program. Also, we appreciate your help throughout the growing season by signing up for the volunteer opportunities. We need plenty of helpers to make each person's work a bit lighter.

Flowerbed committee members: Becky Trenker, Dennis Mennie, Sandra Gray, Ward Fjoser, Karen Wallace and Roberta Ekberg.

A big thank you to retiring member, Mavis Slack, for her many years of service on this committee.

Submitted by Roberta Ekberg

3.5 Garden and Bus Tour Committee Report for AGM

The Garden and Bus Tour Committee successfully held another bus tour in 2026.

This year, we toured the Regina and Lumsden areas, and included:

- Dale Hjertaas' yard in Regina
- Jesse Matlock's yard in Lumsden
- Bev Kesslering's yard in Deer Valley
- David Tallentire's yard near Earl Grey
- Melissa McCullough's yard near Pilot Butte

There were 57 people who participated in the tour.

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A big thank you to the Committee members and the Yard Hosts.

Respectfully submitted for Garden and Bus Tour Committee
Jeff Holland (chair), Joy Dobson, Heather Entner, and Line LeRuyet

3.6 Hospitality Committee Report for AGM

The Hospitality Committee extends its sincere thanks to all the volunteers who contributed delicious snacks throughout the year. Your generosity, time, and effort helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at our monthly education meetings.

We also gratefully acknowledge those who donated disposable plates, napkins, and cutlery. These practical contributions were greatly appreciated and helped ensure that our events ran smoothly.

A special thank-you goes to Maureen for thoughtfully curating the door prizes. Her creativity and attention to detail added extra enjoyment to our meetings.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Hospitality Committee this year. Your contributions played an important role in making our gatherings successful and enjoyable.

This year's committee consisted of Janine Heinrich and Maureen Howell.

3.7 Communications Committee Report for AGM

Regular emails were sent to members about:

- upcoming education sessions,
- plant sale volunteer activities
- flower bed planting/weeding and fall care,
- the 2026 Bus Tour
- Wine Wednesdays,
- and the AGM.

Registrations for the Bus Tour were received on the Communications email and tallied in shared spreadsheets with the organizing committee members.

Monthly educational meeting posters were sent to the following, and posted on the WCGC and the Community Voice for Emerald Park and White City Facebook Pages:

White City and Emerald Park Community Newsletter	Regina Horticultural Society
RM of Edenwold	The Quad Town Forum
Town of White City	The Classic Landscape Company
Talk of the Town: Balgonie Community Newsletter	Sherwood Greenhouse and Garden Centre
Town of Pilot Butte	Home Hardware, Emerald Park
News and Views: Pilot Butte Community Newsletter	Leader Post QC and City Desk

All club activities were highlighted on the ***whitecitygardenclub.ca*** Events Page***.***

Website membership applications and/or *Contact Us* submissions were addressed as received.

Respectfully
Chuck Brumwell MAL

3.8 Community Involvement Committee

The Community Involvement Committee offered four $200 grants as part of the **School Project Grant** program**.** Teachers from École White City and Emerald Ridge Elementary Schools were invited to request funding for a special project that would not be possible within current school budgets. Projects required an Agriculture, Horticulture, or Environmental Sciences focus.
In our first year, 2025/2026, we were pleased to present four $200 grants:
Mrs. Beck (kindergarten), Mrs. West (grade 2/3), and Mrs. Dodge's (grade 3) classes from Emerald Ridge Elementary school were granted funds to purchase individual plant kits for each of their students from the Regina Floral Conservatory. Each kit included a starter plant (Spider, Mexican Hat, or Ice plant), pot, and soil, along with access to two instructional videos that provided a virtual tour of the Conservatory and taught students about plant parts, planting procedures, and ongoing care.

Ms. Shaw, the Complexity Teacher at École White City school, was granted money to purchase a plant stand with grow lights, microgreens growing trays and various seeds for sprouting. She planned to repeat the project with multiple classrooms therefore providing many students the experience of growing and consuming their own produce.

Grant recipients provided a report and photos of their projects that we shared with our membership at the June education meeting.

The grant program will be offered again for the 2026/2027 school year.

Submitted on behalf of the Community Involvement Committee: Roberta Ekberg, Barb Mysko, Monica Reinkens, and Sandra Gray

3.9 Perennial Plant Sale Committee

For years, the WCGC typically offered a perennial plant sale every second year. It was a successful means of raising funds for the club, providing a learning opportunity for its volunteers and making perennials available to its membership and the public at a great price. This event was very labour intensive for a few volunteers, and required still more volunteers for the execution of the sale. The board had also identified that the event was not required as a fund raiser as we had adequate funding through other avenues to run our programming. With those primary considerations, the event was set aside for a couple of years.

This is a newly formed committee that came together to review the pros and cons of the plant sale as it had been run, to explore alternate models, and to consider how the benefits of the plant sale could be continued. We had one initial meeting and have developed a rough sketch of how we could continue to make plants available to our membership.
Our next step is to expand our committee in order to work out the logistics of hosting a plant sale/swap for WCGC members, with the possibility of extending to the public at some point in time. If we have adequate volunteers, we are targeting a Spring Plant Sale.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Bruce, Jeff Holland, Janine Heinrich