

## Wingham BIA General Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2019

**Present:** Sandra Ambing, Gary Ballagh, Vincent Bauer, Brett Bauer, Patrick Donnelly, Doug Kuyvenhoven, Annette Monsma, Glen Manjin, Rebecca Rathwell, Dave Tiffin, Dave Wallace

1. **Welcome**
2. **Introductions** around the table for our special guest, Patrick Donnelly from the Small Business Centre for Huron County
3. **Approval of Previous General Meeting Minutes** - Feb 7 - Dave T read the minutes. Motion to approve. Seconded. Carried.
4. **Approval of AGM Meeting Minutes** - Feb 21 - Dave T read the minutes. Motion to approve. Seconded. Carried.
5. **Delegation - Patrick Donnelly - Small Business Centre - Huron County**
  - a. Connect to Exchange Event, end of April beginning of May.
  - b. Digital Main Street Marketing , sending email with details
  - c. Business Support - Growth Wheel - training for growing businesses
  - d. Be your own Boss (for younger kid - 10 kids pitching ideas) - Mar 21
6. **North Huron Economic Development Report** - Glen reported that in 2019 they are pursuing mapping out what's available in commercial properties in North Huron.
7. **In-it-to-Win-it** - Launch was March 6th. Went well with 13 applicants. March/April will focus on coaching. Patrick will be teaching Starting a Business 101 on Mar 21. They will be announcing winners June 13 @ 7 pm at the Legion.
8. **North Huron Township Council Report** - Doug attended Monday's council meeting and reported on two delegations that raised concerns about the Howson Dam Committee of Council structure, that it be balanced, not biased, and in the best interest of all the citizens and the town.
9. **BIA Board Meeting Feb 28th.** Annette read the highlights from the board meeting minutes.
10. **CIP Applications** - Applications were due Feb 28th. EcDev committee will be reviewing the applications at their next meeting.
11. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Curb Appeal - Doug** - Flower baskets to be picked up this Friday morning and brought to greenhouse on Monday.
12. **Upcoming Events**
  - a. Wingham Town Hall Theatre - Renovation Reveal & Wildlife Photography Show by John Freiberger - Sunday Mar 24 3-5 PM.
  - b. Dave & Marie Wallace retirement party - Wingham Legion Sun, Mar 31 1-4 PM - Lots of music of course
13. **New Businesses**
  - a. Fill work is progressing at south end across from Tim Hortons.
  - b. Thai Restaurant sign on door opening soon. Was The Maitland Restaurant.
  - c. Restore opening Apr 2 across from Rona at the old Wingham Sales Arena.

**14. Other Business**

- a. BIA LED Sign at Tim Hortons - no update
- b. Snowflake light in front of Train Station - Doug to email the works dept to make sure there was no damage to it when it the pole was knocked over by a vehicle accident. If there was damage to make sure insurance claim covers it.

**15. NEXT MEETINGS - (1st & 3rd Thursdays)**

- a. BIA General Meeting - Mar 21 @ 6:30 PM
- b. Board Mtg - Mar 28 @ 6:30 PM

**16. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:55 AM**