

BIA General Meeting – Oct. 4/18

Hot Stove Lounge

Present: See sign in list below

Call to Order: 8:00 a.m.

Previous Minutes:

- Accepted as read. Moved by Dave Wallace, 2nd by Sandy Walker

Economic Development:

- Glenn Manjin provided an update on the Economic Development Committee.
- Doug noted that Wingham BIA would like core expanded to be from North St to Amberley Rd.
- Discussed a need for BIA member to sit on committee for the Libro “In It To Win It” action. Expected commitment to be 4 meetings over the year. This is similar to the “Win This Space”.

North Huron Council:

- ESTC has been tentatively sold to Cowbell. New building to be built in Blyth for firehall and Blyth EW Public Works.
- New Recreation Director has been hired and expected to start Oct. 22

BIA Board:

- Minutes of Sept. 27 meeting were read.
 - Discussion around train station conversion to museum

Committees:

Retail:

- Planning to stay open late the weekend of Festival of Lanterns.
- Coupon book may not be ready to go this year.
- Planning a one night shopping event after Remembrance Day.

Advertising:

- Dave Wallace provided an update on the radio advertising.
- Dave plans to install more Josephine St speakers over the next week.
- Christmas lights planned to go on Nov. 16. Music and streetlight lights will go on Nov. 12 or 13.

Curb Appeal:

- New Canadian flags purchased for 2019.

Upcoming Events:

- Small business workshops available. List to be forwarded to BIA membership.
- Festival of Lanterns scheduled for Friday, Oct. 26. Doug read letter from Lisa Hearnden requesting volunteers. Asking members to decorate their businesses.
- Santa Claus parade scheduled for Nov. 24. Seaforth All Girls Marching Band booked by BIA.
- For the Love of Music is presenting a Beatles tribute on Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Town Hall Theatre.

Library Update:

- Paula Macke provided an update on the Library’s Wingham Community Connectors initiative.
 - Held a meet and greet at library on Sept. 29
 - Next meeting planned for Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- Library also creates a newsletter with monthly events. Both hard copy and online available.

Other Business:

- Soup's On at Maitland River Church was a success and planned for monthly event.
- No updates on Anchor Pub or former Maitland Restaurant. Howick Mutual building continuing. Excavation continues at north west corner of Amberley Rd and London Rd. New business opening in former PUC building.
- Doug brought attendees up to date on LED proposal.
- Dave Wallace noted that he and his wife just celebrated 25 years ownership of Ernie King Music on Oct. 1 and the 45th anniversary of the business.

Adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Next General Meeting – Thursday, Oct. 18 at **6:30 p.m.**

Attendees:

Dave Tiffin	Freedom 55 Financial
Gord Dugan	MyFM
Christine McGrath	Christine's Clothes Closet
Brett Bauer	Bauer Lawn Maintenance
Glenn Manjin	Libro
Paula Macke	Alice Munro Library
Dave Wallace	Ernie King Music
Annette Monsma	Annette's Treasures Galore
Yolanda Ritesma-Teeninga	North Huron Council
Sandy Walker	The Gift Chest
Rebecca Rathwell	Centre for Employment & Learning
Doug Kuyvenhoven	Wingham Super Storage