

Wingham BIA – Annual General Meeting
Thursday, June 15th , 6:30pm – Hot Stove Lounge

Board Members Present: Dave Tiffin, Ryan Ferguson , Carolyn Young, Annette Monsma, Mitch Wright, Jim Snyder, Doug Kuyvenhoven

Regrets:, Joey Havers

Others Present: Reeve Paul Heffer, Corey Bilyea

1. Welcome – Called to order @ 6:30pm
2. Public Input – Opportunity for guests to speak up to 2 minutes on any agenda item – none noted
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – none noted
5. Approval of Previous Minutes From May 2023 –
 - a. **Moved by: Jim Snyder; 2nd by: Doug Kuyvenhoven - Carried**
6. Delegations – None Noted
7. Financial – Treasurer – Doug Kuyvenhoven
 - a. Financial Statements presented by Doug K.
 - b. Cheques written –**None Noted. - Moved by Mitch W.; 2nd by Annette Monsma - Carried**
 - c. A/R Review – presented by Doug K.
 - d. Finishing Touches – Letter hand delivered. Email rec'd back acknowledging payment due and monthly e-transfer will be sent to bring account up to date. Nothing rec'd as of meeting date.
8. Council update – Mitch Wright
 - a. Pool was closed for a short period. Now reopened. Issues resolved.
 - b. Hutton Heights – tender approved for sewer servicing. Start date approx. September/October
 - c. Another section of Moncrieff road to be paved.
 - d. Howson Dam – Waiting on final applications to move forward. Estimated work to start in July.

- e. Alice Munro Festival – Multi day festival went well. Good attendance. Very well received.
- f. RFP issued for sidewalk extension in front of McDonald's plaza. County is covering project with the Municipality covering the sidewalk extension. Sidewalk extension estimated at \$117,000. Sidewalk will run down west side of highway from Thunder Road to McDonald's plaza.
- g. Façade Grants – One issued to Cornerstone Pizza and one to Comfort Café (Old Lone Wolf Location)
- h. Town Hall – Town hall steps did not pass grade, as such, they had to be pulled out and are being redone at the expense of the contractor. No ETA at time of meeting.

9. BIA Committees & Liaisons:

1. Retail Committee:

- a. Sidewalk Sale – There is talk of doing them in July this year. Waiting on confirmation from committee

2. Curb Appeal – Dave T.

- a. Flower baskets are out and look fantastic!
- b. Banners and flags are up
- c. Cemetery Fencing – currently in the process of being repainted. Stainton Hardware donated paint. Big thanks to them!

3. Community Connectors – Dave T.

- a. Christine has advised she is moving, as such, is stepping down from the committee. Trina is stepping in as chair.
- b. 2nd annual Volunteer Fair is currently being planned for September.
- c. Cricket Matches are being held on Saturday, June 17th. Approx. 40 players are coming in. Caterer providing food. Also noted on BIA LED sign.

4. LED Sign – Dave T.

- a. Gained a lot of traction
- b. Cruise Nights, Shows at Theatre, Touch the Truck and the Cricket match are just some of the events on the sign.
- c. Ashley doing a great job!

5. Town Hall Theatre

- a. Lots of great shows happening and coming up. Check out the listing here: [Events from June 23 – November 29 – Wingham Town Hall Theatre](#)
- b. Perhaps in the future there is an opportunity to replace the stage lighting to LED lights to decrease the amount of heat. Something to discuss later.

10. Vance Tribute Discussion

- a. Facebook survey went out to obtain ideas from public on ways to recognise the Vance's. Some responses include a mural recognizing their contribution, A dedicated day to recognize their contributions.
- b. Others ideas include:
 - i. Ribbon cutting ceremonies with media present at different things funds are contributing to.
 - ii. Rename one of Wingham's parks with a placard explaining Vance history. Possible location might be park across from daycare.
 - iii. Ideas tabled for now. Dave T. to circle back to Vance committee to see if there are funds available to assist with signage for park.

11. Wingham District Hospital Recruitment

- a. Denise L, Demetri M. and Dave T met with Jan McKague on ideas to entice new Doctors to Wingham.
- b. DriftScape app still being explored. Denise is looking into.

12. Project Updates

- a. Benches – Subcommittee has been set up comprising of Doug K, Ryan F. and Carolyn Y.
 - i. Quotes sent out to 4 companies.
 - ii. Classic Displays had the most comfortable and aesthetically pleasing benches. They are also a Canadian Supplier.
 - iii. 8 benches to replace existing benches cost approximately \$18,000 plus HST in total
 - iv. Benches will also have 3rd arm ¾ of the way on the bench for easier accessibility. Benches are also slightly taller for same reasons.
 - v. BIA logo to be placed on top left corner of benches. Inset.
 - vi. Colour chosen is walnut / black
 - vii. Delivery date is approx. 8 weeks from order date.
 - viii. Approx \$7,000 of cost to be covered by RED grant.
 - ix. Refurbishing of old benches – more to come on this portion.

Motion: to proceed with Classic Displays, Heritage Design order for benches – Moved by Jim Stanley; 2nd by Dave Tiffin - Carried

- b. Alice Munro Display @ library – Nothing new to update. Still a work in progress
- c. Homecoming – BIA has been requested to host an event of some sort.
 - i. Discussion around a Buskers Festival and Children's event (i.e.. Bouncy castle etc.)
 - ii. Dave to reach out to Walkerton Busker festival organizers to gain a bit more information on their organizing and possible contacts.

13. Other business / New Businesses

- a. Libro Credit Union hosting Business After 5 event on July 11th from 5:30 to 7pm. Demetri M. to give a brief presentation on housing and employment initiatives and outlooks in Wingham. Dave offered to send out mail chimp to businesses. For more information or to register attendance, reach out to Carolyn at Libro prior to July 6.
- b. Stainton has been sold. Buyer is Home Hardware in Kincardine.

14. Next BIA Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 17th, 6:30pm – Hot Stove Lounge

15. Motion: Adjourn at 8:05pm – Carolyn Young; 2nd by Ryan Fergusson – Carried.

Chair: Dave Tiffin

Secretary: Carolyn Young