

Wingham BIA – Annual General Meeting
Thursday, August 17th, 6:30pm – Hot Stove Lounge

Board Members Present: Dave Tiffin, Carolyn Young, Annette Monsma, Mitch Wright, Doug Kuyvenhoven, Joey Havers

Regrets: Ryan Ferguson, Jim Snyder

Others Present: Reeve Paul Heffer

1. Welcome – Called to order @ 6:31pm
2. Public Input – Opportunity for guests to speak up to 2 minutes on any agenda item – none noted.
3. Approval of Agenda – **Moved by: Doug K, 2nd by Joey Havers - Carried**
4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – none noted.
5. Approval of Previous Minutes from June 2023 –
 - a. **Moved by: Mitch W.; 2nd by: Annette M. - Carried**
6. Delegations – None Noted
7. Financial – Treasurer – Doug Kuyvenhoven
 - a. Financial Statements presented by Doug K.
 - b. Cheques written - **Moved by Doug K.; 2nd by Joey H. - Carried**
 - c. A/R Review – presented by Doug K.
8. Council update – Mitch Wright
 - a. 4-year Strategic Planning is under way. More to come as things progress
 - b. OPP presentation to Council indicated OPP are looking for a main street office space to have a presence in the downtown core. Early conversations indicate that the Town Hall or Firehall could be possibilities. More to come as talks progress.
 - c. Noise Bylaw Update – Presentation was given to council to add a possible addition to the bylaw to include decibel levels in the bylaw on certain pieces of equipment (i.e., Generators).
 - d. Housing Accelerator Fund (Federal Gov't) – Provides incentive funding to local gov'ts to encourage initiatives aimed at increasing housing supply. Currently being looked into to see if this is something that will assist North Huron.

- e. Town Hall staff is focusing on Asset Management plans. Talks around putting in place an Asset Management Coordinator to assist. More to come.
- f. Townhall Steps – Building of steps is complete. As of today's date, waiting on railings to arrive before fencing can come down and site tidied up.
- g. Beer Store Parking lot. Patching of holes in parking lot has been complete.
- h. Howson Dam – Chair Tiffin has requested an update on what is happening with the dam. Currently there is another Public Consultation happening.
- i. Council Chamber Change – This is moving forward. Tender has been awarded to Melloul-Blamey Construction Inc.

9. BIA Committees & Liaisons:

1. Retail Committee:

- a. Sidewalk Sale – Marla did an amazing job organizing. Good event with positive feedback. Future planning – event will either be weekend before or weekend after long weekend. Also looking to coordinate with a Cruise Night @ Frosty Queen.
- b. Festival of Lanterns and Christmas event planning should be under way shortly. **Dave T. to touch base with Marla on this.**

2. Digital Service Squad –

- a. Another intake currently underway. Mail chimp will be sent out.

3. Curb Appeal – Dave T.

- a. Cemetery Fencing – Project has been finished and looks fantastic. 325 hours of volunteer work went into project. Stainton Hardware donated paint. Big thanks to all involved!
- b. Repaint of fire hydrants is the next project on the list.
- c. Doug K. is hoping they can get to landscaping around the LED sign before winter.

4. Community Connectors – Dave T.

- a. 2nd annual Volunteer Fair is currently being planned for Sunday, September 24th.
- b. Noted that BIA likely won't put in a table this year as most of the traffic/interest last year went to other community groups/organization.

5. LED Sign – Dave T.

- a. Reminder that grand openings of new businesses in town can be put on sign.

10. Vance Tribute Discussion

- a. 2023 Funding applications open on August 21st and run for 6 weeks with a focus on recreation and churches this year.
 - i. Applications are going out to 11 local churches.
 - ii. Info will be in paper and on Community Connectors social media.
- b. BIA board discussed ways to recognize the Vance's for their contributions.
 - i. Motion made for a recommendation letter be drafted and sent to Council requesting that the section of Riverside Park between John & Patrick St's be named "Vance Park" and a dedication plaque to put in place for same.
 - ii. **Moved by: Doug K; 2nd Joey H. – Carried.**

11. Project Updates

- a. Benches – Order has been placed and benches are slated to be delivered late September. Old benches will be refurbished in the spring and redistributed to parks and trail.
- b. Homecoming – BIA has been requested to host an event of some sort.
 - i. Currently unsure of status.
 - ii. If Homecoming is moving ahead, BIA will look at organizing a Buskers Festival portion of event.
 - iii. **Request to be made to Joe Carter to attend next BIA meeting to give an update.**
- c. Future Projects - ideas discussed for future projects.
 - i. 2nd downtown LED sign within the town
 - ii. Downtown Wi-Fi project – **Carolyn Y. To reach out to Listowel BIA to gain more information.**
 - iii. Bike racks
 - iv. Security Camera's along Josephine Street in strategic locations to help with the ongoing issues on the main street. **Doug K. & Dave T. going to investigate this more.**
 - v. Refurbishment of Welcome to Wingham signs was discussed. Quote provided by Marks Bros. for \$6440.00. Board in agreement to move ahead with this.

Moved by: Joey H.; 2nd Mitch W. – Carried

12. Other business / New Businesses

- a. Duck Duck Juice Gym & Café is now in their new location. Doing quite well.
- b. Empty Store Fronts – this has been noted.
- c. November Meeting locations – November 16th meeting to be tentatively held at KoC Hall. **Joey H to confirm.**
- d. Sunset Golf – Doug K. and Dave T. are going to golf Tournament as a 4some with two others as a thank you.
 - i. **Motion to approve BIA to cover cost of all 4 attending.**

ii. Moved by: Carolyn Y.; 2nd by Mitch W. – Carried.

- e. Stainton has been sold. Buyer is Home Hardware in Kincardine. Sale closes in Sept. BIA to draft write up on Bruce and his input over the years with BIA and Community.
- f. Ironmen are celebrating 50th anniversary this year. Lots of events being organized. Announcement will be placed on LED sign once information is rec'd.

13. Next BIA Board Meeting – Thursday, September 21, 6:30pm – Hot Stove Lounge

14. Motion: Adjourn at 8:06pm – Dave Tiffin; 2nd by Doug Kuyvenhoven – Carried.

Chair: Dave Tiffin

Secretary: Carolyn Young