

Wingham BIA General Meeting – Thursday, March 21, 2024

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: 6:31

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Present: Dave Tiffin, Jim Snyder, Joey Havers, Mitch Wright, Annette Monsma, Ryan Fergusson

Regrets: Carolyn Young

Call to Order: Chair called meeting to order 6:33 p.m.

Public Input: Call for public input.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Joey, 2nd by Ryan to approve agenda as presented

Conflict of Interest: None noted.

Previous Minutes:

- Motion to approve January minutes. Moved by Joey, 2nd by Ryan. Carried.
- Review of AGM minutes – some minor changes noted. These minutes to be passed at 2025 AGM.

Board Positions:

- Discussion regarding Board positions for the next year. Positions filled as follows:
 - Chair – Dave Tiffin
 - Vice Chair- Mitch Wright
 - Secretary – Carolyn Young
 - Treasurer – Doug Kuyvenhoven
- Chair noted that there's room for a couple more Board members and encouraged other members to think of anyone who may be interested in joining at 2025 AGM. Could use more retailers.
- Moved by Joey Havers, 2nd by Ryan Fergusson to approve Board positions. Carried.

Financials:

- Treasurer Kuyvenhoven reviewed the financial statements to date.
- Moved by Ryan Fergusson, 2nd by Mitch Wright. Carried
- Discussed a backup for Treasurer in the event of a worst case scenario.
 - Recommended to involve Township staff in determining a process.

Council Update – Mitch Wright

- Joe Carter spoke to Council regarding Homecoming
- New Recreation Director has been hired and has commenced duties.

- Julie Wheeler has retired.
- Council received report on water standpipe replacement.
- No update yet on an Economic Development Officer.

In It to Win It:

- Carolyn Young available. This will be discussed at next Board meeting.

Theatre Update:

- Some staff concerns regarding noise during concert sound checks.
 - BIA Chair requested that report to Council have input from Town Hall Theatre workers.
- BIA is awaiting the draft of Memorandum of Understanding for BIA oversight of Town Hall Theatre.

Park Renaming:

- Chair Tiffin asked Councillor Wright what was required to proceed with renaming of part of Riverside Park. On the BIA to recommend.

BIA Committees & Liasons

- Retail
 - Annette reported that Marla Valdez (The Gift Chest) wanted to have a retail meeting. Joey mentioned that some retailers have discussed interest in a spring promo.
 - Joey Havers offered to work with retailers in regards to BIA sponsorship budget.
- Curb Appeal
 - Flower basket orders are in. Approximately 65 ordered and baskets delivered to Greyhaven for setup. Hopefully install after May long weekend.
 - Planning a Homecoming cleanup.
 - Pete Mulvey organizing a cleanup day on Earth Day on April 22. This replaces the Waste Free Wednesday.
 - This would be a major spring cleanup. BIA will probably do another one just prior to Homecoming.
 - Welcome to Wingham signs will require more work than thought. Doug K. working on a new plan for refurbishment.
- Festival of Lanterns
 - Chair Tiffin reported that Mark McDougall and Lisa Hearnden have decided to step down from organizing the Festival of Lanterns after 10 years.
 - The BIA thanks them for their years of service.
 - Suggested putting the word out that we need new organizers

- This is not a BIA project, but the BIA has an interest in seeing it continue

Project Updates:

- Security cameras and wifi for Josephine St were passed at February AGM. Doug is working on the purchasing and testing.
- Display case for Alice Munro display at library has been delivered and BIA will be receiving invoice as per budget.
- New benches have been installed. Old benches will be refurbished and placed along the trail. Looking at quotes. Will work with Trail committee

Other Business:

- None noted.

Next meeting moved from April 18th to 25th due to personal schedules.

Complex aware of date change and Hot Stove Lounge booked.

Motion to adjourn 7:55 p.m. Carried