

Wingham BIA Board Meeting – Thursday, January 18, 2024

Hot Stove Lounge

Present: Dave Tiffin, Doug Kuyvenhoven, Mitch Wright, Ryan Fergusson

Regrets: Annette Monsma, Carolyn Young, Jim Snyder, Joey Havers.

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Note: Due to 4 Board members unable to attend we did not have quorum, so no motions will be passed.

Financials:

- 1) Treasurer reviewed the financials to date.
- 2) Running some accounts receivable due to retail Christmas promotion that's billed through BIA.
- 3) Several cheques written as of Jan. 12/24.
- 4) Extra funds are held in monthly GIC

Council Update:

- 1) New council chambers are now complete and in use.
- 2) New stairs and ramps at Town Hall are finally complete.
- 3) Budget is in process.
- 4) Looking at resurfacing on Charles, Edward and Patrick St W. along with projects in Blyth.
- 5) New Human Resources director has been hired. In hiring process for Recreation Director.
- 6) The sidewalk on the west side of the Hanna Bridge is now being plowed.
- 7) Council looking at sharing the duties of an Economic Development Officer with another municipality.

General Meetings:

- 1) Discussed holding general meetings again. These were discontinued due to Covid.
- 2) Recommended to hold general meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday of each month, followed immediately by the Board meeting.
 - a. Motion to be made at AGM

Theatre Update:

- 1) Letter was sent by BIA Chair to Gregg Furtney stating the motion that the BIA passed at December meeting in regards.
- 2) Meeting scheduled for Feb 12 with staff to discuss.
- 3) Doug has reached out to people to sit on subcommittee.

Annual General Meeting:

- 1) Scheduled for February 15 in the Knight's Lounge of the Complex.
- 2) Arnold Morrison, Murray Simpson
- 3) Bruce Stainton
- 4) Green Team – Lises, Tharon Riley, Paul Heffer, Jeannette King, Penny Mulvey
- 5) Registration at 6:30 meeting at 7:00.
- 6) Reviewed the proposed budget to be passed at AGM
- 7) Chair to contact D. Lockie regarding notification to members and ad for paper.

Committee and Liaison Repots:

- 1) Retail – no report as Annette absent
- 2) Curb Appeal
 - a. Christmas decorations beyond trail entrance
 - b. Flower basket tenders are in process

Project Updates:

Next meeting: Annual General Meeting

Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.