

## Wingham BIA General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 - 8:00 AM at the Hot Stove Lounge

**Present:** Lisa Hearnden, Laura Simpson, Annette Monsma, Dave Tiffin, Rebecca Rathwell, Gord Dugan, Kathy VanEngen, Paul Heffer, Jan McKague-Weishar, Gary Ballagh, Christine McGrath, Kerri Dunn, Glen Manjin, Trevor Seip.

1. Welcome. The meeting was called to order by Lisa at 8:00 am
2. Introductions
3. Previous General Meeting Minutes were reviewed by Annette
  - a. Motion by Dave to approve the June 6 meeting minutes. Seconded by Gary. Carried.
4. Delegation - Huron County Planning, Laura Simpson. Laura explained the CIP (Community Improvement Plan) Grant. There is up to \$10,000 available for Commercial facade improvements. The deadline for the 3rd intake of applications is Sep 30th. There is about \$22,000 left which must be used up by Mar 2020.
5. North Huron Economic Report - Glen - Currently just pushing the CIP.
6. North Huron Township Council Report - Trevor reported that they are entering into budget season.
7. Committee Reports:
  - a. Retail Committee Report - Jordan gave update at the board meeting - Sidewalk Sale went well
  - b. Festival of Lanterns is next retail sale - hoping to get the same people on committee as last year
  - c. Christine Clothes Closet volunteered to help with the Christmas Sale
  - d. Radio Advertising - Jordan gave update that Farmers Market is being advertised
  - e. Curb Appeal - no update
    - i. Vacant Storefront Windows - Community Living continues cleaning 1x per month
    - ii. Paint the Town (Main Street) is all done now. Thanks to all the volunteers and Libro.
    - iii. Sandwich Boards - 6 have been repainted and new chains installed. They are being traded with existing ones that need to be repainted.
  - f. BIA Music Branding Committee - Will be meeting Sept 10
8. BIA LED Sign at Tim Hortons - Huron County approval is not required. A letter has been sent to council from the board asking approval. Council meet on Sep 3 and supported approval for the LED sign. Public Works is to place it.
9. Upcoming Events
  - a. Whiskey Jack- Stompin Tom benefit concert -Sept 15 - buy tickets! Invite friends! Fill the house!
  - b. Belmore Choir & Seaforth Harmony Kings - benefit concert Sep 22 - buy tickets!
  - c. America Band Stand Hits Parade - Oct 5th
  - d. Jim Cuddy - Oct 19
  - e. Festival of Lanterns - Oct 25
  - f. Elvis Concert & Christmas Dinner - Nov 24
10. New Businesses

- a. Barrier Free Access - all buildings must be accessible by 2020 (grace period to 2025). Recommendation was made that we should invite someone from the Huron County Accessibility Committee to talk about what buildings need to be done.
- b. Huron County Designs- Grand Opening Sept 14th (in the old location of Finishing Touches)
- c. Fill is continuing at the property across from Tim Hortons

11. Next Meetings

- a. Board Meeting - Sept 19 @ 6:30pm (open to General Members)
- b. General Meeting - Oct 3 @ 8am

12. Meeting Adjourned - Moved by Dave. Seconded by Lisa. Carried.

Date: 2019-10-17

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_



Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

