

Wingham BIA General Meeting

Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 8 AM at the Hot Stove Lounge

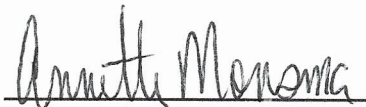
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Delegation - the **Huron County Accessibility Committee** gave a presentation on why and how to make your business accessible. There is an app called Access Now used by individuals looking for accessible businesses and facilities. There are online accessibility learning links for businesses that the committee will share with us. The presentation was followed by a Q&A on various accessibility issues. It was a very positive discussion and the BIA members learned a lot about accessibility and the benefits of making their businesses accessible. For many businesses there will be a significant capital cost to making their facility accessible but with the aging demographics (the silver tsunami) being accessible is going to become more and more important. Hopefully there will be federal and provincial grant programs coming down the pipe to assist businesses with the cost of making their facility accessible.
3. The presentation and discussion took the full hour, so all other business was tabled to the next meeting.
4. Next Meetings
 - a. Board Meeting Nov 21 @ 6:30pm
 - b. General Meeting Dec 5 @ 8am
5. Meeting was adjourned at 9 am
6. Following the meeting the Huron County Accessibility Committee did a walk-about downtown Wingham with Paul and Doug to look at accessibility issues and solutions with various businesses.

Date: 2019-11-21

Chair



Secretary



Present : Doug Kuyvenhoven, Glen Manjin, Gord Dougan, Lisa Hearnden, Rebecca Rathwell, Dave Wallace, Kathy Vanengen, Paul Heffer, Annette Monsma.

Huron County Accessibility Committee: Carol Leeming, Debbie Kerley, Julie Sawchuk, Lorie Falconer, Laurie Jacques,