

MINUTES
OF THE BLYTH BIA BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BLYTH ARENA MEETING ROOM
WEDNESDAY, August 2
, 2017 AT 8:00 A.M.

Board Members Present:

Rick Elliott, Chair
Peter Gusso, Vice Chair
Gary Vanleeuwen, Treasurer
Vacant - Secretary
Crystal Taylor
Irene Kellins
John McHenry

Others in Attendance:

Connie Goodall, North Huron Economic Development Officer
Bill Knott, North Huron Counillor for Blyth Ward
Larry McGregor, Acting CAO, North Huron Township
Richard Al, Deputy Clerk, North Huron Township
Karen Stewart, Blyth 1419
Dan Bailey, Maitland Transportation
Deb Sholdice, North Huron Publishing
Natasha Fritzley, Cowbell Brewing
Bev Elliott, Maple and Moose
Sharon Davis

Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Remarks

Chair Rick Elliott called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests - None Declared

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BBIA37/17
MOVED: John McHenry
SECONDED: Irene Kellin

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Delegations/Invited Guests - None in Attendance

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION BBIA38/17

MOVED: Crystal Taylor

SECONDED: Gary Vanleeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Minutes of the Board Meeting held July 5th, 2017 as printed and circulated.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

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Treasurer's Report

MOTION BBIA39/17

MOVED: Irene Kellins

SECONDED: Bill Knott

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Treasurer's Report as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Business Arising From Previous Meetings

Nothing to Report

Correspondence

Nothing to Report

Committee Reports

(a) Streetfest

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the Committee meeting. The event was successful again this year with a small surplus to be reported at the September meeeting See report attached for more details

(b) Friends of the Village

Nothing to report

(c) Golden Ticket

Nothing to report

(d) Marketing Committee

Nothing to Report

(e) Blyth's 140th Anniversary

Crystal Taylor reported on the progress of the committee to date and advised that there will be a meeting tonight as they are meeting weekly now. Please presented Treasurer Gary with the funds from the Calendar sales to date.

A discussion was held and confirmed by motion that the profits, if any from the committee are to be donated to the Blyth Lions Club

MOTION BBIA40/17

MOVED: Crystal Taylor

SECONDED: Gary VanLeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Blyth 140th Anniversary Committees recommendation that the surplus funds, if any, be donated to the Blyth Lions Club.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

(f) Strategic Planning
Nothing to report

(g) Family Day
Nothing to Report

(h) Winter Fest
Nothing to Report

North Huron Economic Development Officer's Report

Connie Goodall stated that there were still discussions being held with Nathan Swartz who is wishing to hold the "Festival of Wizardry" in Blyth this fall, and that the event will be proceeding with Councils approval.

Further correspondence will follow in the weeks to come and members are recommended to communicate with the Festival of Wizardry event planners to more details.

North Huron Council Report

Councillor Bill Knott advised that Dwayne Evans has been hired as CAO of the Township of North Huron and it was recommended that he be invited to a future BIA meeting, Rick Elliott agreed to prepare an invitation.

Councillor Knot also advised that the Mill Street Drain reconstruction is to commence in September and that it will disrupt the traffic at the intersection of Westmoreland and Mill Streets. He confirmed that the effected business's have been notified of the construction and that every attempt to minimize disruption is being done.

Discussions were held regarding parking for the Festival of Wizardy, etc as the Bainton parking Lot would not be available, and Councillor Knott advised that the organizers would be notified.

R.E.D. Funding Co-Application update:

Natasha Fritzley advised that the Province has granted us the funds for our Accommodation Review as of July 24th.

Larry McGregor, CAO, advised that the funds would flow through and be managed by the municipality.

MOTION BBIA41/17

MOVED: Bill Knott

SECONDED: Gary VanLeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the proceed with the R.E.D. Project and fund as outlined on the Application.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Councillor Knott brought a request from council regarding the branded intersection signs to the board as there are now a total of five (5) signs missing. Since these signs are custom shape and the cost was more than the council wished to spend and it was recommended that the BIA absorb the costs of sign replacement. They had obtained an estimate from Cox Signs, Walkerton for a single replacement sign at a cost of \$245.00. Rick Elliott advised that we should consider getting an estimate on multiple sign blanks as the costs would reduce dramatically and would be easily obtainable for the municipality to reorder.

Councillor Knott recommended that the BIA Executive add to their 2018 Budget a line item for Sign Replacements of \$500.00.

Larry McGregor, CAO, suggested in the interim that the Municipality could obtain the Blue or Green Street signs to assist in the street markings until the estimates and decision were made by the BIA Board.

MOTION BBIA42/17

MOVED: Gary VanLeuwen

SECONDED: Bill Knott

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Municipality place the order for Blue Temporary Street Signs and investigate the costs of the branded replacement Signs.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Festival of Wizardy Decorating,

Bev Elliott advised that since the colours of the Festival are Red, Blue, Green, Yellow and Orange, she wondered if we could augment/add the additional colours to the bows that were done for the 140th Anniversary Weekend. This was agreed by all present that it was a good use of resources. Irene Kellins and Sharon Davis advised that there were still some left over bows that could be used.

Nominations for Board of Management:

MOTION BBIA43/17

MOVED: Rick Elliott

SECONDED: Gary VanLeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby reopens the Nominations for the Board of Management for the 2017 year.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Karen Stewart, was nominated and accepted
Natasha Fritzley, was nominated and accepted
Deb Sholdice, was nominated and accepted

MOTION BBIA43/17

MOVED: Gary VanLeuwen
SECONDED: Irene Kellins

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby closes the Nominations for the Board of Management for the 2017 year.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

MOTION BBIA44/17

MOVED: Crystal Taylor
SECONDED: Gary VanLeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby Appoints and Recognizes the following executive

*Chair: Karen Stewart
Vice Chair: Gary VanLeuwen
Treasurer: Deb Sholdice
Secretary: John McHenry*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

MOTION BBIA45/17

MOVED: Rick Elliott
SECONDED: Gary VanLeuwen

*That the Blyth BIA Board hereby appoint as signing officers on the CIBC General Bank Account any two of the following: Karen Stewart
Deb Sholdice
Gary VanLeuwen*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Coming Events

- (a) To be updated at our September meeting
- (b) Blyth Festival's Bonanza Weekend was fast approaching.
- (c) Festival of Wizardy,

Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 6, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Blyth Community Centre (Arena)
Meeting Room

Adjournment

MOTION BBIA46/17

MOVED: Irene Kellin

SECONDED: Peter Gusso

That there being no further business before the Blyth BIA Board, the meeting be hereby Adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Rick Elliott, Chairperson

Peter Gusso, Vice Chair