

MINUTES
OF THE BLYTH BIA BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BLYTH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AT 8:00 A.M.

Board Members Present

Rick Elliott, Chair
Peter Gusso, Vice Chair
Gary Vanleeuwen, Treasurer
John Stewart, Secretary
Irene Kellins
Lissa Kolkman
Averly Kikkert
Cat O'Donnell
Bill Knott

Others in Attendance

Brenda Nyveld, The Citizen

Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Remarks

Chair Rick Elliott called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests - None Declared

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BBIA05/16

MOVED: Irene Kellins

SECONDED: Gary Vanleeuwen

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 BBIA06/16

MOVED: Irene Kellins

SECONDED: Gary Vanleeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Minutes of the Board Meeting held January 6, 2016 as printed, circulated and amended.

NOTE: The Minutes of the January 6, 2016 Meeting have been amended as directed.

Treasurer's Report

(a) Treasurer's Report & 2016 Draft Budget

The Board reviewed the Draft Budget as presented by the Treasurer.

MOTION BBIA07/16

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Averly Kikkert

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the 2016 Draft Budget as presented; and further that said Draft Budget be presented to the Blyth BIA Members at the Annual General Meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

(b) Purchase of Quick Books

MOTION BBIA08/16

MOVED: Lissa Kolkman

SECONDED: Irene Kellins

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby authorizes and approves the purchase of Quick Books for the BBIA Treasurer at the approximate cost of \$100.00.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

(c) Adoption of Treasurer's Report

MOTION BBIA09/16

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Averly Kikkert

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Business Arising From Previous Meetings

(a) Golden Ticket

Peter Gusso announced that Chris Meier was the winner of Golden Ticket Draw. He advised that the anticipated profit from the draw would be approximately \$600.00.

(b) Family-Fun-Apalooza-Winter-Luge-Athon. BBIA Breakfast, Monday, February 15th, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Adults \$5.00 & Children 10 & under \$2.00 – Blyth & District Community Centre

Chair Rick Elliott directed the Secretary to send an email to the Blyth BIA Members requesting their assistance with the breakfast.

(c) BBIA Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Bainton Gallery

A copy of the BBIA Constitution & By-laws had been distributed to the Board and no proposed changes were forthcoming. The BBIA Constitution & By-laws will be circulated to the Blyth BIA Members prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(d) BIA National Conference – April 10-13, 2016, London. Full Registration \$499.00

The BIA National Conference Registration Form had been sent by email to the Board Members. The Registration Form will be circulated to the Blyth BIA Members prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Correspondence

(a) OBIAA – January Newsletter – forwarded to members

(b) OBIAA – BIA Handbook on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Committee Reports

(a) Streetfest

A discussion was held in respect to the Antique Car Show. The Board instructed the Blyth Lions Club to contact Randy Fraser, Antique Car Show Chair.

(b) Witches Walk

Chair Rick Elliott advised that he and Secretary Stewart had met with representatives of the Witches Walk Committee and we are awaiting the Committee's response.

North Huron Economic Development Officer's Report

North Huron Council Report

Councillor Bill Knott advised that North Huron Council is exploring the possibilities of shared services with neighbouring municipalities. He indicated that Council is investigating 'contracting out' Water Services. No decision has been made at this time. He stated that the municipality is waiting to hear on how the infrastructure funding promised during the Federal Election will be distributed to the lower tiers.

New Business

(a) Police Services – OPP/North Huron

Councillor Bill Knott advised that there has been a considerable increase in the cost of OPP Policing. Council has requested information from the OPP in respect to the funding formula to determine costs and this information has not yet been provided. Once Council has had the opportunity to examine the OPP funding formula a comparison of policing costs and services provided can be undertaken for the OPP and North Huron Police Services.

(b) Blyth's 140th Anniversary – 2017

The Board indicated that a Committee will be established following the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Huron Tourism Association presents Board Governance Best Practices Workshop, Mon., Feb. 22nd, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm., Maitland Golf & Country Club - \$45.00 lunch included.

There were no members of the Board wishing to register at this time.

(d) Parking on Queen Street

Irene Kellins advised the Board that she had been contacted by a Queen Street business owner in respect to parking along Queen Street. The area in question was the corner of Queen & Dinsley. Contractors vehicles were parked near the corner & often past the 'No Parking Here to Corner' sign. It made it very difficult for vehicles turning from Dinsley onto Queen. The Contractor's vehicles were often parked for long periods of time which took up parking spaces which could be used for customers of the local businesses.

Chair Rick Elliott stated that he would investigate and attempt to resolve the situation.

(e) Sprinkler System

Chair Rick Elliott advised that a new commercial sprinkler system was being installed in a renovated downtown business. The company is called Tidal Wave. He stated that he would be happy to provide information on the company to all interested businesses.

(f) Habitat for Humanity

Gary Vanleeuwen advised that Habitat for Humanity is interested in building a house in Blyth. The group is looking for suitable building lots.

Coming Events

- (a) Bandstand Revisited '1960s Dance Party' – February 20th – Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (b) Blyth Lions Club – 6th Annual Snow Volleyball Tournament – Sat., Feb. 20th - Blyth Lions Park
- (c) Mudmen Celtic Concert, Fri., Feb. 26th – Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (d) Sears Drama Festival – February 28th to March 6th - Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (e) Rural to Rural Conference – September, 2016

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION BBIA10/16

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Peter Gusso

That there being no further business before the Blyth BIA Board, the meeting be hereby Adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Rick Elliott, Chairperson

John Stewart, Secretary