

MINUTES
OF THE BLYTH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA (BBIA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
BLYTH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL - BANTON GALLERY

Attendance:

Rick Elliott, Peter Gusso, Deb Sholdice, Irene Kellins, Averly Kikkert, Lissa Kolkman, Cat O'Donnell, Bill Knott, Mary Lou Stewart, John Stewart

Call to Order & Welcome

Chair Rick Elliott called the annual general meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and welcomed all of those in attendance.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BBIA11/16

MOVED: Peter Gusso

SECONDED: Lissa Kolkman

That the Blyth BIA hereby adopts the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chairperson's Report

(a) A Review of the Past Year

Chair Rick Elliott reported on a number of commercial developments and new businesses which had been located or in the process of locating in Blyth & area including those at the former Blyth Public School. There had only been one business close during the past year and a new business has commenced in this store front. The Community Garden located at the former Blyth Public School had been well received. The Emergency Services Training Centre continued to be well used and recently it had been announced that Marine Search & Rescue Training will be held. The Blyth Festival continues to bring large audiences into the community. It was noted that for every dollar visitors spend at the Blyth Festival an additional eleven dollars is spent in the community.

(b) A Look Ahead – 2016 & Beyond

Chair Rick Elliott advised that the BBIA Visioning Committee had met once during the year to discuss areas where the business community could be expanded. Continued growth in the community is being encouraged. Work needs to be commenced on Blyth's 140th Anniversary celebrations scheduled for 2017.

Secretary's Report

(a) Minutes - 2015 Annual General Meeting

MOTION BBIA12/16

MOVED: Bill Knott

SECONDED: Averly Kikkert

That the Blyth BIA hereby adopts the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

(b) BBIA Constitution & By-laws

There were no amendments to the BBIA Constitution & By-laws.

Treasurer's Report

(a) 2015 Financial Statement (unaudited)

MOTION BBIA13/16

MOVED: Peter Gusso

SECONDED: Deb Sholdice

That the Blyth BIA hereby adopts the 2015 unaudited financial statements as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

(b) 2016 Budget

Following discussions an adjustment was made to the proposed Budget in respect to the BBIA Levy. It was also noted that the request for funding from the Township of North Huron for financial assistance for the Community Improvement Program would have to be made in writing to North Huron.

MOTION BBIA14/16

MOVED: Peter Gusso

SECONDED: Averly Kikkert

That the Blyth BIA hereby adopts the 2016 Budget as amended.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Economic Development Officer's Report

Connie Goodall, Economic Development Officer, was unable to attend but did provide a written report.

MOTION BBIA15/16

MOVED: Averly Kikkert

SECONDED: Cat O'Donnell

That the Blyth BIA hereby receives the Economic Development Officer's written report as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

North Huron Council Report

Bill Knott, North Huron Councillor, advised that the municipality had hired a new Chief Administrative Officer, Sharon Chambers. An Agreement had been finalized with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for sharing services. It is anticipated that there will be sizable dollar savings by both municipalities in the future, however, the North Huron residents should not expect a reduction in property taxes as the savings will go towards capital projects.

Nominations for 2016 Board of Management

The following members were Acclaimed to the Blyth BIA Board of Management for the 2016 year:

Rick Elliott, Peter Gusso, Irene Kellins, Lissa Kolkman, Averly Kikkert, Cat O'Donnell.

There is one (1) vacant position on the Board of Management. The Nomination period was extended to Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Other Board Members are appointed by various community organizations.

Other Business

- (a) Deb Sholdice reported that the Blyth Festival is looking forward to another exciting year and this year will include four Sunday afternoon performances.
- (b) Lissa Kolkman reported that the Friends of the Village had held their first meeting of the year with good representation from the community.

Question & Answer Session

No questions or comments were forthcoming.

Adjournment

MOTION BBIA16/16
MOVED: Peter Gusso
SECONDED: Bill Knott

That there being no further business, the Annual General Meeting of the Blyth BIA be hereby Adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Chairperson

Secretary