

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE BLYTH BIA BOARD MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE BLYTH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 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:**

Connie Goodall, North Huron Economic Development Officer  
Crystal Taylor, Blyth Legion

**Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Chair Rick Elliott called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests            - None Declared

**Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION      BBIA23/16**

MOVED:      Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Irene Kellins

*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      BBIA24/16**

MOVED:      Irene Kellins

SECONDED: Gary Vanleeuwen

*That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 2, 2016 as printed and circulated.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

## Treasurer's Report

### **MOTION BBIA25/16**

MOVED: Averly Kikkert

SECONDED: Irene Kellins

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

## Business Arising From Previous Meetings

- (a) BIA National Conference – April 10-13, 2016 - London.

Chair Rick Elliott advised that he would be attending on the Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. No other Board members indicated that they would be attending.

## Correspondence

- (a) OBIAA – March Newsletter  
(b) Wingham BIA – Minutes, Annual General Meeting

## Committee Reports

- (a) Streetfest

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the March meeting. It was also noted that the Car Show portion of Streetfest had been suspended for this year due to the large Car Show being held in Goderich on the same day. The Blyth Lions are investigating another activity which would be held at the Blyth Lions Park in conjunction with Streetfest.

- (b) Friends of the Village

Lissa Kolkman advised that next Friends of the Village meeting would be held at the former Blyth Public School on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

- (c) Witches Walk

Chair Rick Elliott advised that he has not received any communication from the Witches Walk Committee.

## North Huron Economic Development Officer's Report

Connie Goodall stated a Job Fair has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 12:00 noon & 5:00 p.m. in the Hot Stove Lounge at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex. To date nine employers have confirmed their attendance.

## North Huron Council Report

Councillor Bill Knott advised that the municipalities of North Huron and Morris-Turnberry continue to work on the implementation of the Shared Services Agreement. North Huron will be holding a Budget Meeting on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and all residents of North Huron are encouraged to attend. North Huron Councillor Brock Vodden has presented Council with a 'Notice of Motion' advising that a Motion will be brought forward in respect to Recreation.

## New Business

### (a) Alice Munro Festival, June 2-5/2016 – Sponsorship Opportunities

The Board declined the invitation to become an official sponsor to the Alice Munro Festival. However, the Board did encourage local businesses to consider participation if they wished to do so.

### (b) Stops Along The Way Advertising - one-half page \$292.00

#### **MOTION BBIA26/16**

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Cat O'Donnell

*That the Blyth BIA Board hereby authorizes the placing of a one-half page advertisement in the 'Stops Along the Way' magazine at a cost of \$292.00 plus HST.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

### (c) Blyth's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2017

The Board scheduled a community meeting for Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Community Organizations and interested persons are invited to attend to judge the interest in a Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It is hoped that a Committee can be established to undertake this activity.

### (d) Blyth Memorial Community Hall - Renovations Project

The Board scheduled a community meeting for Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 420, Blyth. It was noted that the Memorial Hall will be closed and Queen Street parking may be restricted due to the renovation project at the Blyth Memorial Community Hall. The meeting will update local businesses on the project.

### (e) Letter of Resignation

Chair Rick Elliott advised that the Board had received a Letter of Resignation from the Service Organization Representative and Secretary John Stewart.

Secretary Stewart advised the Board that when he had accepted the appointment he had indicated that he would commit two years to the Board at which time he believed a representative from another service organization should have a turn presumably for a two year term. He stated that he had enjoyed his time on the Board as the service organization representative as well as serving as the Board's Secretary.

#### **MOTION BBIA27/16**

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Averly Kikkert

*That the Blyth BIA Board hereby accepts, with regret, the resignation of Service Organization Representative and Secretary John Stewart from the Blyth BIA Board of Management effective April, 2016.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

(f) Appointment of Service Organization Representative

**MOTION      BBIA28/16**

MOVED:      Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Bill Knott

*That the Blyth BIA Board hereby appoints Crystal Taylor, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 420 Blyth, as the Service Organization Representative and a voting member on the Blyth BIA Board of Management effective immediately.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Election of the BBIA Executive Committee

Chair Rick Elliott opened the floor for Nominations

(a) Chairperson

Gary Vanleeuwen nominated Rick Elliott

There were no further nominations

(b) Vice Chair

Averly Kikkert nominated Peter Gusso

There were no further nominations

(c) Treasurer

Rick Elliott nominated Averly Kikkert

Peter Gusso nominated Gary Vanleeuwen

There were no further nominations

Averly Kikkert declined the nomination

(d) Secretary

Bill Knott nominated Averly Kikkert

There were no further nominations

**MOTION      BBIA29/16**

MOVED:      Cat O'Donnell

SECONDED: Bill Knott

*That Nominations be hereby Closed.*

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

## Blyth BIA Board Members

Elected Representatives	- Rick Elliott, Chairperson - Peter Gusso, Vice Chair - Averly Kikkert, Secretary - Irene Kellins - Lissa Kolkman - Cat O'Donnell
Organization Representatives	- Gary Vanleeuwen, Treasurer, Church Organizations - Deb Sholdice, Blyth Festival for the Arts - Crystal Taylor, Service Organizations
North Huron Council	- Bill Knott

## Coming Events

- (a) Blyth Festival Box Office – opened April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- (b) Auburn/Blyth EMCC Women's Ministry presents, 'Faith-In-Song' concert – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Blyth Christian Reformed Church
- (c) Abbamania – Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m., Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (d) Blyth Legion/Ladies Auxiliary Bingo – Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (e) CKNX Barndance Jamboree & Campout – May 27<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> - Blyth Campgrounds
- (f) Rural to Rural Conference – September, 2016

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

## Adjournment

**MOTION      BBIA30/16**  
**MOVED:**      Averly Kikkert  
**SECONDED:** Peter Gusso

*That there being no further business before the Blyth BIA Board, the meeting be hereby Adjourned at 9:34 a.m.*

**DISPOSITION:** Motion Carried

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Rick Elliott, Chairperson

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Averly Kikkert, Secretary