



MINUTES

ARTHUR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH 17TH, 2021 @ 7:30 PM : VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDEES:

Keith Harris, Chair
Sheila Faulkner,
Councilor Lisa Hern

Paula Coffey,
Mitch Keirstead

Jim Coffey,
Tom Gorecki

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angela Alaimo, Gord Blyth,

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Dale Small; WN Economic Development Officer

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Keith called the meeting of the BIA to order at 7:33PM. The agenda and minutes from the February 3rd meeting were reviewed and approved Moved by Paula Coffey, seconded by Jim Coffey **Carried**

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Keith provided an update & thanked everyone for their approval of the new BIA logo. Special thanks to Caroline Paquet for her design work. The OBIAA application was submitted and approved so the Arthur BIA is now an official member of the OBIAA. Connecting link items were discussed including the curb extension and outdoor gym. Dale provided the following dates as per BMRoss:

- Overall connecting link project goes to tender on Friday March 19.
- There will be a 40-day tendering period with a closing date of April 28.
- The contract will be awarded at the May 10th Wellington North council meeting.
- Target completion date is September 3, 2021 however the Contractor will provide a detailed schedule which will be passed along to the BIA.
- As of right now there is no public meeting planned due to the Pandemic, however the Township/BMROSS will be mailing out letters to the effected residents/business' along Smith/George Street about the upcoming work.

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

The BIA annual tax levy of \$19,250 (55 @ \$350) will be received quarterly starting April. One bill currently outstanding is to the Township who understand it will be paid in April once the first installment is received.



BUSINESS ARISING/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Good discussion around looking for a new place for the Community Art Location. Committee was encouraged to look around and see what the options are and come to the next meeting prepared to discuss and hopefully finalize a proposal.

An update was also provided on the new sign for the Fire Hall which is a partnership with the White's, Wellington North Fire Services, and the Arthur BIA. The contract has been awarded to Raynbow Signs and it is hoped that we will have a draft of the design for review and discussion at the April meeting.

Paula brought the committee up to date on some plans for other streetscape improvements such as benches, garbage cans, etc. and will share more at the April meeting.

The committee reached agreement on partnering with the Arthur Chamber in regard to the annual purchase of the flowers for the planters on George Street. It was agreed that the BIA would cover the costs for the flowers that are included inside the BIA boundary. President Keith and Chamber President Tom will work out the details. The Chamber have already ordered the flowers as this must be done every Fall, but payment will be made by the BIA.

ROUNDTABLE

Chair Keith congratulated Director Mitch on his retirement. Mitch indicated while he was looking forward to retirement he was still going to be involved in the town and therefore would like to stay on the Board of the Arthur BIA for the completion of this term.

Discussion took place regarding Sidewalk Saturdays and closing down George Street to support the event and there was agreement that the BIA would like to try and schedule two of these events in 2021. Perhaps one in June before the connecting link construction starts and then maybe one in September, perhaps the same weekend as the Fall Fair, to celebrate its completion.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on April 21st, starting at 7:30pm via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Keith Harris that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10PM

Carried