



MOUNT FOREST BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES March 12th, 2024 @ 8:00 AM

Meeting Room Mount Forest Arena

CALLING TO ORDER – Andrew Coburn; Chair Mount Forest BIA

PRESENT ATTENDEES

Members: Dwight Benson, Bill Nelson, Andrew Coburn, Rachel Whetham,

Staff: Robyn Mulder

Community Members:

ABSENT ATTENDEES

Kayla Morton, Sherry Burke, Kailyn Cudney, Maggie Schram, Jessica McFarlane, Allison Litt, Amanda Boylan, Allison Litt

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Andrew

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Andrew

Dwight makes motion to amend agenda to add street cleaning and flowers to agenda. Seconded by Bill, carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Downtown Wifi Signs

Maggie

- Tabled, DWight had forwarded to Steve Filsinger and price has been provided.

- 2. Garbage Can Replacement - New Design** **Bill**
 - Bill received terms for steel garbage cans. \$1,000-1,650 USD per can. WE are down to six garbage bins, from 15 original. Powder coating is tough to find. Bill is suggesting to remain at the current amount of bins due to weekly garbage pick up to see if there is a difference in the bins. Bill and DWight going to locate bins that are no in current use. Look at refurbishing them to reduce overhead costs.

- 3. Weekly Garbage Pick Up - Main St** **Bill/Dale**
 - Robyn advised it is going to begin March 21st at 6am. Pilot project at this time to gauge the success of it

- 4. Banners** **Dwight**
 - Dwight proposed two options, require 50 new banners. \$99 per banner. DWight makes motion to purchase 55 blue banners at \$99/piece alpha graphic and designs in Fergus. Seconded by Rachel. Carried.

- 5. Snowflakes** **Dwight**
 - Down as of March 12th. \$370 per unit to install new lights. Approx. 15 snowflakes are due for refurbishing. Dwight makes a motion for 15 lights to get refurbished, seconded by Rachel. Carried. All member to try and find a driver to complete the drop off and pick up.

- 6. Downtown Street Cleaning** **Dwight**
 - Beginning May 1st. To include weeding on gardens etc. Dwight makes motion to increase pay for \$130 and to include a few bags of mulch to clean up gardens and tree bases, seconded by Bill. Carried.

- 7. Socials** **Kailyn**
 - Proceed as planned.

- 8. Payment Options/ Authority** **Andrew**
 - Andrew proposed switching to Scotiabank's "Any 1" . This provides debit/credit options and EFT capabilities. Going to explore the limit options.

- 9. Winter Family Fun Fest - Review** **Maggie**
 - Very well received from business and local people. Several volunteers which was great. Advertising was questioned. Going to have a tent for outdoor music. Paw Patrol was a last minute cancellation. Discussion of discontinuing vendors. First event was a great success.

- 10. Light Bulbs** **Dwight**
 - No update at this time. Dwight has had two companies to look at it. LED retrofit lightbulb is the desired route per Dwight. Phillips and Sylvania are the two companies he is discussing with. 43 fixtures total. PRicing

received for the unit, not to replace it. Dwight has contractor to complete the work

NEW BUSINESS

11. Flowers

- Richard Cottell will be end of May, first of June. Dwight is going to continue with same flowers.

1. NEXT MEETING

April 9th 2024 in the Lower Leisure Room @ Mount Forest Arena

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Andrew.