



## **MOUNT FOREST BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT**

**ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES January 14th, 2025 @ 8:00 AM**

**Meeting Room Mount Forest Arena**

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**CALLING TO ORDER** – Andrew Coburn; Chair Mount Forest BIA

### **PRESENT ATTENDEES**

Members: Kailyn Cudney, Rachel Whetham, Andrew Coburn, Dwight Benson, Kyle Dallaire, Jessica McFarlane, Erin Kiers

Staff: Robyn Mulder

Community Members: Penny Renkin

Council Reps:

### **ABSENT ATTENDEES**

Sherry Burke, Allison Litt, Bill Nelson, Maggie Schram, Amanda Boylan

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Andrew**

### **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Andrew**

**Kyle motions to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jessica McFarlane. Carried.**

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Light Posts**

**Dwight**

- Still in the works, dwight is waiting to hear back on the cost to retrofit the fixtures, he would like 2 - 3 more quotes before deciding

- Dwight suggests we should approach the town to assist with the costs as it is a cost saving for the town

## **2. Street Cleaning**

**Dwight**

- Kailyn to put on the website & socials that we are looking for a street cleaner, may through to thanksgiving. 6:30 - 7am start time, daily M-F, duties include picking up garbage and glass, removing weeds if seen, sweeping, from Birmingham St to Queen St lights - looking for someone responsible to clean our street

## **3. Relmaged Laneway - Pizza Hut**

**Jessica**

- No updates as of right now other than Bill is trying to work with the township to try and avoid any legal fees
- Robyn to connect with the township to see if we can determine who owns the laneway, if it is the township or someone else
- Kailyn to include in the upcoming newsletter opening up conversation for new potential hardscapes, suggesting that people email the bia with their suggestions

## **4. Economic Development**

**Robyn**

- Community improvement program has started again for 2025, there is \$35,000 for grants - small changes made, cut off for applications is September 30th for work done by the end of the year. the township is working on some guidelines that businesses can follow when planning their facade upgrades
- The township will be using a new app called DriftScape for posting of events, tours, art galleries, etc. which will be implemented in 2025
- Farmers market is moving to the new site where the old pool was - opening june 14th and closing september 27th, will be looking for a student to manage the farmers market as well as the community garden
- Next wovsa event is Jan 21st from 6-8 in mildmay
- There will be a mayor breakfast series happening first one is in March

## **5. Q4 Newsletter**

**Kailyn**

- Sharing info about halloween & christmas event
- Will include date of the AGM for business owners to know about
- Robyn to send me the link for the grant applications to be included in the Q4 newsletter

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, February 11th 2025 8am in the Lower Leisure Room @ Mount Forest Arena

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting adjourned by Andrew.