

BIA MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 2nd, 2022
Time: 7:30 am
Location: Remotely

Members, Staff and Guests Present Remotely:

Scott Patterson, Chair
Harminder Nijjar
Tami Cressey
Carolyn Young
Matt Ash
Nicolas Cadotte
Todd Kasenberg, Mayor
Frances Hale
Lisa Schaefer, BIA Coordinator
Simon DeWeerd, IT
Kim Kowch, North Perth Community Development Coordinator
Justin Dias, Perth County Economic Development Officer

Absent:

Sean Eaton
Brad Cross

1. Call to order

Chair Patterson called the meeting to order 7:32am.

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

Chair Patterson stated "We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Anishnaabe people. We wish to recognize the long history of Indigenous People of Canada and show our respect to them today. We recognize their stewardship of the land, may we all live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship."

3. Declarations of pecuniary interest

None declared

4. Delegations

None

5. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

5.1 January 12th, 2022 Minutes

Moved by Todd Kasenberg, Seconded by Matt Ash
THAT the January 12th, 2022 meeting minutes be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising from minutes – nothing at this time

7. Reports

7.1 Coordinator's Report - Lisa Schaefer, Listowel BIA Coordinator

Lisa Schaefer, Listowel BIA Coordinator presented the Coordinator's Report outlining the main tasks accomplished for January and February of 2022. In addition, Ms. Schaefer highlighted her efforts in completing grant funding application for both the Main Street decoration and the public art installation. It is hoped that we will know if the Listowel BIA for this funding by the end of March. The complete report is provided with the agenda package.

Moved by Carolyn Young, Seconded by Matt Ash
THAT the BIA Coordinator's report be received for information.

CARRIED

8. Financial Report

Scott asked if there were any questions with regard to the BIA Financial Comparison Report circulated with agenda package and there were none at this time.

Moved by Harminder Nijjar, Seconded by Matt Ash,
THAT the Financial Comparison Report be received for information.

CARRIED

9. Council Update

Mayor Todd Kasenberg highlighted several Municipal actions including:

- the appointment of our new Clerk, Lindsay Cline,
- Water/Wastewater Annual Reports were received,
- County Council considered OPA 202 to remove conversion of residential properties,
- housekeeping amendment for the zoning by-law were addressed,
- report from Social Services regarding homelessness mitigation and planning,
- Annual Accessibility Report was received from the County,

- Community Safety, Health and Wellbeing information status report was received noting implementation,
- Council declined North Huron's request for financial support for their recreation facilities,
- Recreation rates were considered and adopted
- Fundraising and Donation Policy was adopted for North Perth
- Open Air Burn By-law was reviewed and sent back for amendments
- Request for outdoor market was deferred to staff for further investigation and report to Council
- Commented on potential need for additional Commercial and Industrial space for new or redevelopment. Some of future developable lands are in a holding pattern until the new Official Plan has been adopted by the County of Perth.
- Working towards a more diverse and reliable labour force

10. Correspondence

Correspondence from Alex to resigned from the Board as he has relocated to Saskatchewan.

11. Other Business

**11.1 Economic Development Update - Kim Kowch, North Perth
Community Development Coordinator**

Kim noted that the Façade Project has started up again with a great deal of interest from our local business. The Small Business Relief Grant is now open for applications until March 11th, 2022. Numerous grant applications are being submitted for community and business support. Kim confirmed that there are ongoing requests from business for operating space and that, currently, there is no requirement to register a new business in North Perth.

**11.2 Perth County Update - Justin Dias, Perth County Economic
Development Officer**

Justin advised that Perth County Economic Development have been working on several projects:

- Perth County is developing new experience program for tourism,
- Discover More – 2022 Farmgate mapping submissions have been extended to March 25th, 2022,
- PC Connect will be offering free rides on March 18th for folks to try out the service. Please call ahead to book a seat,
- Small Business Relief grant information has been circulated,
- Training opportunities are available on the website
- Lisa noted that the County has requested a letter of support for the RED grant funding application that they are submitting

12. **Closed Session Meeting**

None

13. **Reporting Out**

None

Chair, Scott Patterson, welcomed Tami Cressey as a new Board Member. As well, Scott reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled remotely for April 6th, 2022 at 7:30am.

14. **Adjournment**

Moved by Nick Cadotte, Seconded by Matt Ash
THAT the BIA Board adjourn this meeting at 8:13 am to meet again on Wednesday May 4th, 2022 at 7:30 am.

CHAIR, Scott Patterson

SECRETARY, Frances Hale