



Meeting minutes of the BIA March 14, 2018 by D. Matier (6:36 start time)

Present: Mike Untch, Deb Wenzler, Bryon Fluker, Donna Matier, Tracy Loop, George Paisiovich, Jeff Bowman, Henry Wall

Regrets: Brooke Thiele, Richard Watt, Kym Mercer, Lory Nissila

Guests: Glen Norton

Conflict of Interest: None

Minutes from February 13, 2018 Meeting: Motion to accept minutes by Jeff Bowman, seconded by Tracy Loop – CARRIED.

Guest: Glen Norton from Small Business Development Centre spoke about the changes to the Employment Standards Act through Bill 148. A presentation which was provided to Chatham-Kent would be sent to Donna Matier to distribute to the BIA. Note: All employees must sign that they have been made aware of the changes.

We-Tech Alliance will be at an event on April 3rd at Sons of Kent to promote the technology sector.

Students to start their own business – there are 7 positions available. One person will be provincially funded. There will be grants for \$1500.00 to help to go back to school. They need to work 35 hours per week. The goal is to get them to try and run a business. There are two sites to get information. They don't have to have a business plan, just an idea.

Committee Reports:

Financials: Balance: \$2,243.09
No outstanding bills at this time.

Promotion/Beautification: Tracy advised that we need to get the WiFi hooked up so that we can change the lights at Coulter Park without having to contact the installer every time.

Grants/miscellaneous: Deb advised that grants have been approved for downtown Festival including the band. Grant also approved to purchase new garbage cans, planters and information stand.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Matier", is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Horticultural Club: Donna advised that the colour scheme for this has been picked. Also planting marigolds to support the International Plowing match to be held in Tilbury. Currently working on water tender for this year. Will need to contact Rob Vecca to have summer student help again this year.

Chatham-Kent: Bryon Fluker – Wheatley Soccer received 3,000.00; Optimist Club \$5,000.00; Two Creeks \$5,000.00.

Wheatley Arena ranked 8 out of 10 for usage, but 4th for prime time hours rented. No arena is being closed in Chatham-Kent.

Need to look into additional parking on Foster.

Complaints about the house that burnt down – must complete a complaint form.

Federal Update: George Paisovich - Meeting to be attended April 10th and 11th to try and get funding. There were three projects with Integrus, TeKSavey and Gosfield with regard to the Internet. ½ funding has been spent.

Emergency Preparedness – Provincial jurisdiction. Federal – notification food safety – increased insurance to 2 Billion. Province to come up with a plan in April. Working with the US government.

Shoreline protection – using Pelee Island as an example.

Temporary workers – concern with cost to bring them here.

Wind fest: George Paisovich – Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. Ball diamond rental is \$500.00 per day. Nothing going on now at the school. Outstanding: Accommodations; Volunteers for the event.

Fish fest: Kym Mercer not available to report

New Business: Call to action for Sunday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. for town wide cleanup. Donna to post on web pages and to get garbage bags.

Old Business: None.

Meeting adjourned: Thank you to Glen for attending the meeting. Motioned by Deb Wenzler to close meeting, seconded by Henry Wall, CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm