

It was also suggested that more than one email goes out to the BIA members, and starting earlier so that there's enough time to spread the news encouraging the red and white theme with flowers and décor. It will also request the BIA members share the information with the tenants in their buildings so that everyone is informed of the closures, the activities and the full event.

George mentioned the importance of signage going up in advance of the event regarding the areas that are closed

Discussion of use of Hester Street parking lot took place.

C.2. Board changes update:

George stated that the request to Council has been referred back to staff for a recommendation and it is moving forward also stating that today's meeting is an example of why the request is needed with Board members absent

Councillor Seguin asked if this was to be presented at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and made a suggestion to he will try to get approval in principle and George agreed saying it can then be presented and discussed at the AGM on March 29th.

Discussion ensued.

George wondered if Council needed an AGM resolution in order for Council to move forward to pass this.

Councillor Seguin then mentioned that the approval may not be done by the AGM but could be discussed and George will ask at the AGM for discussion.

Ms. Giles joined the BIA meeting at this point and explained the process and explained that Council sets the number as per in the By-law and it has nothing to do with BIA members approval but Councils' approval.

Ms. Giles will make sure that the BIA follows legislation and it needs staff approval.

Council is slated to meet on March 27 and would make a decision on this. March 13 Committee of the Whole makes recommendations and then technically Council can approve on the 27th.

George would like to recruit for new BIA Board members at the AGM.

C.3. 2017 Budget and Annual General Meeting (AGM):

The AGM meeting notice is 21 days and it will be held on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017.

George gave a brief explanation of the draft budget updates with specifics of money relocated from the Conference to the music in the park. Discussion ensued. George then asked for questions and posed to submit this draft 2017 budget at the AGM.

Casey questioned one area and the levy does not increase, remaining at \$100,000.00 with a balanced budget. George stated that there is opportunity at the AGM for further discussion with members present.

Moved by: Kathryn Brown

Seconded by: Casey Thomson

That the Thornbury Board of Management approve the 2017 Budget as presented.
Carried.

New Business: George asked if the Board felt they still needed an April 5th meeting just after an AGM on March 29th and it was agreed that yes it should be still held. Casey mentioned that there had been a meeting for Olde Fashioned Christmas the night before with many members attending, sharing some great ideas and willing to stop up and to participate and help Sarah out for 2017.

Councillor Seguin who also serves on the Chamber of Commerce mentioned that their AGM will be held on March 23rd, at Lora Bay.

D. Adjournment

Moved by: Kathryn Brown

THAT this Board does now adjourn at 8:55 a.m. to meet again Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., Town Hall, Council Chamber, or at the call of the Chair.