



Minutes

Thornbury Business Improvement Area

Meeting Date: February 5, 2020
Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
Prepared by Donna Gorrie, Recording Secretary

A. Call to Order

Thornbury BIA Director Tony Poole called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. with Board members Melanie Johns, Matt Cundy, Renee DesRochers and Deputy Mayor Rob Potter. George Matamoros sent his regrets.

Also in attendance were Acting Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, Heather Carroll of the Loft Gallery and Jaime Sirna of Thornbury Village Cider and Brew House.

A.1 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Potter Seconded by: Renee DesRochers

THAT the Thornbury BIA Agenda of February 5, 2020 be approved as circulated.
Carried.

A.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof: none.

A.3 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Melanie Johns Seconded by: Matthew Cundy

THAT the Thornbury BIA Minutes of January 8, 2020 be adopted as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Deputations and Public Comment Period

B.1 Deputations: None.

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: Fifteen (15) minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Thornbury Business Improvement Area matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation, or potential litigation matters.

C. Meeting

C.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM) date: Tony Poole

The date of the Annual General meeting that chosen at the January meeting will be changed until after Council approves the Budget. Discussion ensued in order to establish that quorum would be met. The Directors decided that it would be best in April or May. No date has been set.

C.2 BIA Coordinator report: Leslie Lewis: Leslie submitted a report and will continue to do one monthly.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Potter

Moved by: Matt Cundy

THAT THE THORNBURY BIA accepts the Coordinators report. Carried.

C.3 2020 BIA Budget

Tony spoke on the need to consider building in a 2% increase to help with inflationary increases. The levy thus far has not increased for 2020.

Deputy Mayor Potter felt it might be a good idea and that Council is also looking at this too.

Ryan mentioned the Consumer Price Index increase of 1.9% and that may one way of approaching this.

Melanie suggested that it be put off to next year and feels the assessment based levy will go through in a year.

This was for discussion only with no motion but Deputy Mayor Potter suggested that it be discussed at the AGM so members can discuss this.

Tony welcomed Jaime and Heather to the meeting.

Ryan spoke about the Economic Development Survey that's taking place until February 19 and the survey can be completed online or there are paper surveys available at The Town Hall and the Blue Mountains Public Library.

The BIA will send out information to their members when Ryan forwards the link and contact information.

Melanie mentioned it's good to see it on paper and important.

Jamie mentioned she's wanting to become more involved in the process and was happy to attend.

D. Adjournment

Moved by: Renee DesRochers

Seconded by: Melanie Johns

THAT this meeting does now adjourn at 8:22 a.m. to meet again on March 4, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Council Chamber Town of The Blue Mountains, or at the call of the Chair, Carried.