

MINUTES

Durham Improvement Area Meeting
Held on October 23, 2024 at 6:00pm.
The Foundry 1872 - Durham

Present: Susan Tremble, Bobbi Burnett, Doug Hutchinson, April Barker, Tanya Matthews, Connie MacEwan, Jenny Parsons.

Other: Tim Dyck, Nancy Nurse, Matt Meulensteen, Kodey Hewlett, Michele Harris
Quorum established.

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order** – Bobbi Burnett – 6:05pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Jenny Parson’s made the motion, seconded by Susan Tremble, Vote approved and motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Doug, seconded by April, Vote approved; motion carried.
4. **Declaration** (of pecuniary interest or general nature thereof) - none
5. **Municipal update** - Doug:

Riverside Park work has begun from the Grant money that Kodey was able to get.

Lambton St Bridge – Geoff gave us the go-ahead – Susan reached out to Superior Painting, they quoted \$29,000.00 to sandblast and paint. Susan made a motion for Connie to write a letter on behalf of the BIA to Grey County, including West Grey Council in regards to the need of the bridge to be painted. Motion seconded by Bobbi, Vote approved; motion carried.

Weeds Doug reached out to Geoff but did not receive a response yet.

West Grey Council is currently working on the 2025 Budget.

Doug introduced Michele Harris newly appointed CAO of West Grey.

Michele resides in Grey Highlands and has a background in Economic Development.

She gave us a brief history of her past positions and is excited about her new position as CAO. Welcome Michele!!

6. **Business arising from previous minutes**

Kodey – Halloween 400 kids registered, 500 expected.
Kodey and staff will be at the event and have extra candy in case any business/partner/group needs extra.

Christmas – Connie and Kodey would like to order window clings for the businesses to display in their windows. Kodey has gotten a price through one of West Grey's vendors. Connie made a motion to go ahead and have Kodey order the Nutcracker Window Cling 2 per business and also order black plastic to wrap the poles so that the Nutcrackers are more visible. Bobbi seconded the motion. Voted, motion carried.

Bridge lighting –

Kodey has ordered more lights to replace the ones vandalized last year. The Lions group has purchased a new topper for the top of the pine tree.

Susan made a motion to host the event on December 3rd at 6 pm, Seconded by Tanya Voted, motion carried.

Jenny will ask the Sauntering band if they are willing to open the event. Kodey will reach out to the principal at Spruce Ridge to see if they can put together a children's choir to sing a few songs. April will reach out to Jennifer at the Art Gallery to see about them hosting the snacks. Susan will have the campfire going with hotdogs and marshmallows (same as last year)

**** Susan had another meeting so the report was moved ahead**

7. **Treasures Report** Susan – report attached. Connie made a motion to accept the report, April seconded, voted, motion carried.

Farmers Markey/Summer Events – many ideas were discussed, Connie made a motion(Sept 2024) to have Tanya, Bobbi, April, Susan, Nancy, and Matt get together and discuss the options and come up with a plan to be presented at the November meeting.

Tanya seconded the motion, voted, and motion carried.

Website – Tanya reached out to Tech360 and they are not willing to allow us to host our website. They are willing to charge us \$300.00 until June 2025 to have some access to the site so we can make updates and such on our own. Tanya made a motion to appropriate

the \$300.00 fee till June 2025 allowing Tanya access/managing the website. Bobbi seconded the motion, voted, motion carried.

We will revisit this in the future.

8. **Other/New Business**

Tents – April made a motion to borrow a few of the tents to be used at the West Grey Youth Center – non-profit fundraiser. Connie seconded the motion, voted, motion carried.

9. **Correspondence-** none

10. **Next meeting** – November 19th at 6 pm at The Foundry 1872 - 204 Garafraxa St S, Durham

11. **Adjournment -**

Bobbi adjourned the meeting 8:25pm