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Durham Improvement Area Meeting
Held on February 24, 2025 at 6:00pm.
The Foundry 1872 - Durham

Present Bobbi Burnett, Connie MacEwan, Susan Tremble, Tanya Matthews, April Barker
Other: Nancy Nurse
Absent Doug Hutchinson
Quorum established.

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order** – Bobbi Burnett – 6:19pm
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Connie made the motion, seconded by Susan, motion carried.
3. **Declaration** (of pecuniary interest or general nature thereof) – none
4. **Resignation** Connie made a motion to accept Jenny Parsons letter/email of resignation and to accept the request of the BIA recommending West Grey Council to appoint Nancy Nurse to the Durham BIA for the duration of the term. Susan seconded the motion. Nancy accepted the appointment. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes** Susan made a motion to approve the previous minutes, Tanya seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **Business arising from previous minutes**

Bridge Lighting was well attended, the consensus was that the time change made a big difference. Everyone enjoyed the variety of music as well as the snacks. A big thanks to the Durham Art Gallery, The Foundry, as well as Don and Susan Tremble for providing/facilitating the snacks.

Christmas decorations – Thanks to those who came out and helped put up the Nut Crackers. We will discuss future changes to the installation of the decorations at our May meeting.

BIA conference Conference - OBIAA Blue Mountain.

Connie made a motion that 4 members attend the conference for one day paid by the BIA. Delegates to be confirmed closer to the convention date. Susan seconded the motion.

Carried

7. **Municipal update** – via email as Doug was absent from the meeting.

The budget was passed with a higher increase than they wanted but due to the cost of repairing and replacing so many bridges/dam's it was necessary.

Hospital – nothing new still waiting for the judicial review.

Frazzel Ice – has returned, there have been a lot of costs to keep the ice moving (equipment and man hours) so far there has been no flooding and is now under control.

Snow continues to be a major challenge for the municipality. Trying to keep up. Clearing snow downtown when time.

Reminder to businesses - clearing a path through the snowbanks is their responsibility.

Flowers - Going to talk to the Director, Julie, and Connie order as Kodey has gone

Looking forward to upgrades at Riverside and future use.

8. **Treasures Report**

\$34,473.00 in the general account. \$10,000 in the GIC(Big Dig)

9. **New Business**

Frazzel Fest – Family Day weekend, organized by South Grey Chamber of Commerce and West Grey. Nicole sent out an email asking for prize donations.

Connie made a motion to donate two \$60.00 “The Foundry 1872” gift cards for the family Banner competition as well as three \$25.00 BIA bucks to be used as prizes where the Chamber needs them. April seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tanya would like to “feature” businesses in the BIA district. Information to be presented on our various social media accounts. She will be reaching out to the businesses to see if they want to participate and offer them a choice of month/season. She would also like to update vacant locations, letting it be known what is available for possible new business ventures/rentals. She will also reach out to Saugeen Economic Development – Jamie Doherty and see if he would share on their social media.

Tanya will also be updating the website with some new photos, stay tuned for updates and changes.

Saugeen Sun Fest– Nancy presented that there is an upcoming meeting, but the date has been set for August 16th. Connie has submitted paperwork to the County regarding the closing of Queen St. from Saddler St. to George St. Once approved by Grey County then it would need to be approved by West Grey. Nancy has reached out to several food vendors but has not found much interest as our venue is small and they are booked for this coming year. Susan has booked “Summer Never Ends” 8pm- 11pm - Dance. April will be looking at other live music for the afternoon. The Lion’s Club is looking at running the Beer Garden. Bobbi is reaching out to other vendors for tent/tables available to sell their wares/craft sales.

The Agricultural Society is interested in running the rubber duck race, Susan is waiting for confirmation from them at their upcoming meeting.

Susan made a motion that the BIA invest \$10,000 for the event, Tanya seconded the motion.

Carried

Tanya is creating the Website, Facebook and Instagram accounts for the event –
Saugeensunfest.ca

West Grey Youth Centre – April presented that things are moving along and they will be running their first workshop, on Tuesday nights at the Durham Presbyterian Church - 10 Kids have registered and the class is full. April and the board are very happy with how the community has come along and volunteered/supported the group.

10. **Correspondence** - none

11. **Next meeting** – March 24th at 6 pm at The Foundry 1872 - 204 Garafraxa St S,
Durham

12. **AGM** will be May 29th 5pm at the Foundry 1872. Information will be sent out to all businesses.

13. **Adjournment** -

Bobbi adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm