



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTHUR BIA

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026 @ 7:30 PM**  
**Virtual via Zoom link**

### **Board Members present:**

Angela Alaimo, Chair  
Chris McIntosh, Treasurer  
Gord Blyth  
Mitch Keirstead  
Jim Coffey  
Lisa Hern

### **Other Attendees**

Robyn Mulder EDO

### **Absent**

Paula Coffey, Vice Chair

### **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

**Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm**

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the January 21, 2026 Arthur Business Improvement Area be accepted and passed. Motion to approve Gord and Seconded by Lisa

### **Review and Approval of Minutes**

THAT the minutes from the October 14, 2025 minutes Arthur Business Improvement Area meeting be approved and passed. Motion to approve by Chris and seconded by Jim.

That the AGM minutes from November 19, 2025 be approved and passed. Mitch's name was misspelled. Corrected. Motion to approve Mitch and seconded Gord.

### **Financial Report**

Chris reported completed for 2025 and second report for 2026. All of 2025 included everything received and approved for payment, with a working balance at the beginning of the year of \$17,064.12. In January, we received \$100 from Tim Boggs as sponsor for Sip and Savour, and OBIAA cheque cleared for the 2026 membership. Chris just receive an invoice from the Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas ad that is shared three ways with the Chamber and the Township. We approved reimbursement to Paula of the renewal of the QR code software. Chris made a Motion to adopt the financial reports and Mitch seconded. Jim made a motion to approve the expenditures, and Gord seconded the motion.

**Robyn EDO report** - Six new streets have been approved for a new subdivision in Mount Forest. Request for proposal for the Sacred Heart school in Kenilworth – closes March 31. Epoch's Garage were approved for a community improvement grant. Community improvement applications going through for Village Variety and Sacred Heart Church in Kenilworth.

## **Items for Discussion**

Robyn suggested the BIA would put an ad in the back page of the Wellington Advertiser to update re what is happening. CAO has recommended that both BIAs bring a delegation to Council and let Council know all of the things that have been worked on over the term. It may generate interest for people looking to be new Board members.

Mitch asked Lisa if there was any feedback about the fact that no one attended our AGM other than the directors. Lisa indicated that it isn't uncommon.

Mitch suggested doing a walkabout to the properties to try and recruit people to be on the next Board a few months prior to the municipal election in October. We would present a new slate of directors to Council after our 2026 AGM.

The Township considered that they may purchase the Pride banners from us. Robyn indicated that the plan would be to bookend both Mount Forest and Arthur BIA districts for Pride month.

Chris has looked into the warranty for the benches. He talked to the company and they said they could refurbish them; but we should seek someone local to do the work. Robyn will check to see if it would qualify for the downtown revitalization fund. Chris looked at potential cost - \$250 – 300 per bench.

Gord has suggested we should have an event for the summer. We will think about it and come back in March with some ideas.

We will skip February's meeting.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Next regular meeting April 15, 2026**

**Adjournment** motion to adjourn Chris