



MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTHUR BIA

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
Virtual via Zoom link

Board Members present:

Angela Alaimo, Chair
Paula Coffey, Vice Chair
Chris McIntosh, Treasurer
Gord Blyth
Mitch Keirstead
Jim Coffey

Other Attendees

Robyn Mulder CEO

Absent

Lisa Hern

Review and Adoption of the Agenda May 20, 2026 Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Arthur Business Improvement Area be accepted and passed. Motion to approve by Jim and Seconded by Gord.

Review and Approval of Minutes

THAT the minutes from the March 18, 2026 meeting of the Arthur Business Improvement Area meeting be approved and passed. Motion to approved by Mitch and seconded by Gord.

Financial Report

Chris reported for April, May, 2026 period with amended financial statement. We have paid for Canada banners. Two bills to be paid to Paula and CofC for the fee for \$15. Nothing from Township about the levies. Chris provided the Township with the 2025 year end info. Chris made a Motion to approve the financial reports and Paula seconded to approve the financial report.

Robyn EDO Report

Service signs are going up in Arthur and Mount Forest and are ready to go in. Will look like the downtown board.

Robyn provided a briefing from Council for Lisa– WN approved design for welcome here decal contest to bring together four student entries highlighting inclusion and belonging and will be used on Township facilities.

Robyn advised that Council approved staff recommendations regarding future of Mount Forest Community Centre.

Council approved an increase financial support for Mount Forest Community pantry. Growing need at both Arthur and Mount Forest food banks. Approved a rent supplement bringing in line with Arthur Foodbank. And formal agreements have been entered.

Council received updates for Mount Forest pool. Community Improvement Plan – Council has reached budget and Robyn is asking for a further \$25k. WOWSA wellness event coming on June 6.

Will put poster for our event on the Board and social media.

Items for Discussion

Paula suggested that we have a BIA banner prepared for events for Township events at arena, and we will use it for the Canada Day event. Paula will also have some printouts about the QR codes for the icon banners for the event as well. Paula will design the banner and will add the logo and design a shortened mission statement.

Paula gave an update re the Shop Local event. She has been in to visit 15-20 of the downtown businesses and will announce on social media and Chamber has notification as well. There are 10 ballots that have been submitted so far.

Motion was made to purchase the booth at the Chamber Canada Day event, \$15., motion made by Paula and Mitch seconded it.

The form prepared by the Township didn't have a note that the banners didn't have grommets. The new Canada banners didn't have them and they may blow around. Will keep an eye out at how they are doing – there are really just two that are not working so well. Angela will notify the Township that there should be an amendment to the banner policy so that everyone knows that the grommets are added as requirements for the banners. Paula will ask Harry if he can add the grommets after they are taken down for the season.

Chris raised that there has been a discussion in other local communities about putting a crosswalk in the centre of town with Veteran designation.

Date of next meeting:

Next regular meeting June 17, 2026

Adjournment motion to adjourn Gord