



MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTHUR BIA

Wednesday, July 15, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
Virtual via Zoom link

Board Members present:

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

Other Attendees

Robyn Mulder CEO

Absent

Lisa Hern
Chris McIntosh

Review and Adoption of the Agenda July 15, 2026. Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

THAT the minutes from the May 20, 2026 meeting of the Arthur Business Improvement Area meeting be approved and passed. Motion to approved by Gord and seconded by Mitch.

Financial Report

Chris provided the financial report. It was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve the payment to Paula of the invoices listed made by Jim and seconded by Mitch. Gord made a Motion to approve the financial report and Paula seconded to approve the financial report.

Robyn EDO Report

Community Improvement Program has approved an extra \$25,000.00, now \$60,000.00. Teeny Tiny Summit in Minto and are 50 teeny tiny ideas for community inspiration.

Items for Discussion

Paula gave a report for the Shop Local - thank you to Paula, Gord, Jim and Chris for helping out with the event. Had some comments about the community pots. Shirley Coffey won the draw. Shirley will split between Foodland and The Topsy Fox.

Board approved acceptance of Fran's butter tart event – motion by Paula to do the road closure for Fran and Gord seconded. Passed

Paula gave a report of the hanging plants – are now on a more frequent watering schedule – four were taken down and were taken back to the township to try and recover them. Richard came and

like the progress – he could do four replacement at \$30 each if we want to replace them - \$120 to replace them. Missing at secondhand store and Boggs. Mitch suggested replacing the four – Robyn suggested ordering them and she will pay from the downtown beautification budget. We discussed the benches – Paula indicated that the Walsh's bench was broken and a lot of them are in very bad shape. Dan Farrelly got a quote to have them treated and refurbished. Robyn suggested that we could use part of that budget for the reimbursement of the cost.

We will do the Sip and Savour event on the same day as last year; Paula has given the ok to Walsh's to put it on their calendar of events.

We had some requests for new icon banners. Paula thinking we should take down some and put up some new ones for next year. We can do a call out to the community for new icons to go up next year. We will do a call out for two new banners and look at the ones that are fading. How do we decide who is going to retire and who is going to go up in place. Paula will send out a request for nominations for next year's new icon.

Gord suggested that we ask Jeff McKee to feature an icon in the BizBull every issue.

Paula mentioned about the alleyway in Mount Forest; Robyn advised that re the Reimagined laneway in Mount Forest, the BIA approached the business owners and made application to Township to do the upgrades – each owner got \$2500 each – under community art project.

Next regular meeting August 19, 2026

Adjournment motion to adjourn Gord