

Thorold BIA
General Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2011

Location: Thorold Community Credit Union

Attendees: Chair George Cottage, Vice Chair Serge Carpino, Treasurer Mike Skrtich, Councilor Tim Whalen

Absent: Councilor Shawn Wilson

Minutes taken by: Erica Villeneuve

1) Call to Order

George Cottage called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

2) Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2011.

Action Item

- Cathy Mellor made a motion to approve the minutes of the General Meeting held Tuesday, May 10, 2011. Second by Bill VanderKlippe. PASSED.

3) Financial Report

- Everyone received a copy of the BIA budget and was informed that 5 months in, the BIA is under budget. Dr. Ker would like copies of financial statements.

4) Business arising from the minutes

A) Ball Hockey Tournament report

- Ball Hockey Tournament to raise money for the March of Dimes Canada was a success. Over \$7000 raised to help MODC in the Niagara and Thorold Community. 12 teams competed. Everything fell into place. Next year maybe get 20 teams. This will be annual.

B) Garbage

- 3 garbage cans have been removed but there is still a problem. Perhaps hiring someone to come by with a truck will solve the problem? The Board will bring this to their next meeting and discuss it further.

C) Parking

- Nothing to report

D) LCBO Outlet

- The BIA wrote a letter to Council to bring back the LCBO to Thorold. Council is writing a letter to the Chamber and the MP.

E) 10 year downtown plan

- Council has a meeting planned and will discuss what has and has not been accomplished. The meeting is open to the public. It is at City Hall tonight (June 14) @5:30.

5) New Business

A) Chip Wagon

- A chip wagon is wanted at Sherry's Dollar Store. They are not currently allowed but that is an issue of zoning, not bylaws. The beer store is the only area zoned to allow chip wagons in Thorold. The BIA wrote a letter to Council to change zoning to allow them throughout the City.

Discussion

- They're a great idea and would be nice to have around
- It would be nice if they reflected the desired look and feel of Downtown Thorold

Action Item

- Tim Whalen made a motion to support the rezoning for food vendors in Thorold. Second by Cathy Mellor. PASSED unanimously.

B) Club Belvedere request

- Club Belvedere wants to join the BIA. The Board is going to see if there are other businesses want to join the BIA. This would mean expanding the boundaries of the BIA rather than going business by business. The board will keep working on this.

C) Time of General Meetings

- There are individuals in the BIA who cannot make it to early morning meetings. If we changed it up regularly, it might be too complicated to keep track of. BIA general meetings should remain in the mornings at 8am but every now & then have a later one. Maybe those later meetings could be at different locations and in 3 month intervals.

Action Item

- Michael Skrtich made a motion to change some BIA General Meetings to 5pm starting in September 2011. Location to be determined by the BIA board. Second by Brendan Raymond. PASSED.

D) Summer Meetings

- The BIA has in previous years taken a recess for the summer months. The Bylaw states that there are monthly meetings. The Board has decided to continue through with meetings in the summer months as per the bylaw.

E) Delegations

- James Symons from the Village Church spoke about the upcoming Boot Walk. It takes place July 1, 2011 beginning at Club Capri and ending up tied into the Mayor's Picnic in the Park. They need donations, door prizes and 1366 participants for the boot walk. Multiple organizations are already on board including Brock University and the Student Union.
- Adam Hill from Modern Reflections spoke about the Picnic in August to benefit Community Care. Donations and volunteers are needed as well as those with contacts for touching base with people. Intentions include a BBQ and fill a truck campaign. Anyone who can help or has questions, contact Adam at 905-680-6199.
- Brendan Raymond spoke about putting on a Labour Day Bash to keep the citizens of Thorold here and to raise money for charity. Possible charities include Community Care, MS and Stranger Danger Awareness. They want to close Front St. and have vendors set up. Food and alcohol to be served. Flat rate charged for a booth and perhaps a percentage of income that day can go to charity. Note: it could be difficult to collect on that percentage and it may be simpler to only have a flat rate.

Action Item

- Michael Skrtich made a motion to strike a committee to organize a Summer Events Committee in downtown Thorold. Second by Tiffany Raymond. Discussion: The idea is to keep people in Thorold and not have them go spending their money in St. Catharines. Intentions include bands, street dance, vendors, funnel cake, kids zone, food and alcohol. Hours possibly 11am to 8pm. Vote: PASSED

F) Other

- The Car show is coming up on July 16, 2011. Donations, gift baskets, draw items and volunteers all needed. Let Serge Carpino know if you would like to help or if you have any questions.
- Tim Whalen is officially on the BIA Board.
- The 3rd Annual TCCU BBQ is coming up on Fri, June 24th, 11am-2pm. Donations are going to the Lions Club.

- The Art of Peace festival is going on at QB Gallery this month. Parents can bring their children for art classes in a variety of media and go shopping for a while.
- Marsha from NeVaeh Day Spa announced the Grand Opening Saturday, July 16. Parties and summer camps available.
- Tracy, the Communications Manager for the City is invited to (and attending) the next BIA board meeting.
- Pride in the Park is cancelled.

6) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by George Cottage at 8:51am