



Minutes

Thornbury Business Improvement Area

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2025
Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
Prepared by: Niki Hilton, General Manager

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee, and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Board of Directors Attendance

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. In attendance were Kelly Gale, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida and Chair Smith. Renee Desrochers was absent.

Town staff present was Carrie Fairley, overseeing the technology as Niki was ill and participating virtually.

Electronic Participation

Moved: Joe Halos

Seconded: Lesley Fisher

THAT the Thornbury Business Improvement Area Board waives the provisions of the Thornbury Business Improvement Area Procedural By-Law 2013-1 Section 7 that prohibits electronic participation for Thornbury Business Improvement Area meetings unless the municipality is in a Declared State of Emergency to allow Niki Hilton (General Manager), Marco Santaguida and Councillor McKinlay to attend the meeting virtually solely for October 9, 2025, Board meeting.

Yay (6): Kelly Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved: Kelly Gale

Seconded: Marco Santaguida

THAT the Agenda of Wednesday, October 9, 2025, be approved as circulated, including any items added to the Agenda.

Yay (6): Kelly Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* Business Improvement Area Directors must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.5 Previous Minutes (Wednesday, September 3, 2025)

Moved: Councillor McKinlay

Seconded: Kelly Gale

THAT the Thornbury BIA board approve the minutes from Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Yay (6): Kelly Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

Previous Revised Minutes (Wednesday, June 11, 2025)

Moved: Lesley Fisher

Seconded: Marco Santaguida

THAT the Thornbury BIA board approve the revised minutes from Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

Yay (6): Kelly Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

A.6 Previous Minutes Video Problem

Moved: Joe Halos

Seconded: Lesley Fisher

Whereas, the Thornbury BIA acknowledges that its meetings are video recorded, with the video recording posted to the Town of The Blue Mountains website following each Thornbury BIA Meeting;

AND WHEREAS, the Thornbury BIA acknowledges that, though the Thornbury BIA meetings are video recorded, it's the approved minutes of the meeting, that is the official recording of the meeting;

NOW THEREFORE, the Thornbury BIA acknowledges that, due to oversight, the September 3, 2025 Thornbury BIA meeting was not recorded, and that the approved minutes of the September 3, 2025 is the formal record of this meeting.

Yay (6): Kelly Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)

B. Deputations and Public Comment Period

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

None

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Council Update – Councillor, Shawn McKinlay

C.2 MAT Update – Joe Halos

C.3 Sub-Committee Updates

1. Budget & Administration Sub-Committee: Doug, Renee, Joe

2. Marketing Sub-Committee: Kelly, Shawn, Andrea

3. Beautification Sub-Committee: Lesley, Renee

4. Events & Cultural Tourism Sub-Committee: Renee, Kelly, Shawn

D. Correspondence

D.1 None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Vision session & goal-setting for 2026.

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 - BIA Board Meeting
Town Hall, Council Chambers (in-person)

G. Adjournment

Moved: Joe Halos

Seconded: Lesley Fisher

THAT this meeting does now adjourn at 9:05 a.m. to meet again on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. at Council Chambers, Town Hall or at the call of the Chair.

Yay (6): Kelly Gale, Lesley Fisher, Joe Halos, Marco Santaguida, Councillor Shawn McKinlay, and Chair Smith

Absent (1): Renee Desrochers

The motion is Carried (6 to 0, 1 absent)