



## MINUTES

**Hespeler Village Business Improvement Area Board Meeting  
Sazon Mexi/Can, 19 Queen St. E. Cambridge  
September 15, 2025, 6:30pm**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Kelsey Vere, Cory de Villiers, Saul Resendiz, Laura Pearce, Mike Devine, Mike Napier, Tim Hilborn

**Regrets:**

Danna Greer, Marina Gigovic, Tara O'Donnell, Natasa de Villiers

**Guests:**

Village Schoolhouse, Mad Stacker, Aging Oak, Bishops Brew

**Meeting Called to Order**

The City Councillor, Mike Devine welcomed everyone present, in-person, and called the September 2025 board meeting and AGM to order at 6:39pm. A reminder of the code of conduct was given, no conflicts were declared.

**Councillor Update: Mike Devine**

- Shared about the 2026 Hespeler Reunion

**City Update: Laura Pearce**

N/A

**Approval of Minutes: August 2025**

Motion moved by: Cory de Villiers

Seconded by: Tim Hilborn

Abstained: None

In favour: Saul Resendiz, Mike Napier, Mike Devine, Cory de Villiers, Tim Hilborn

*THAT the August 2025 minutes of the Hespeler Village Business Improvement Area Board Meeting be approved as written.*

**Executive Director Update - Kelsey Vere**

- Full update [here](#).

**Chair Update - Cory de Villiers**

- A year of ups and downs - finding volunteers, funding, lots of turnover (treasurer and executive director)
- Thanks to the board members for their commitment to the community
- Hespeler is shaping up to be a destination to live, work and play
- Switch gears from focussing on walk queen to Jacobs landing lighting project

- BIA member, Village Schoolhouse, interested in an info package and contributing to the project

### **Treasurer Update** - Presented by Cory de Villiers

- 2026 Budget was shared. Noted that there's no mention of the Jacob's Landing Lighting fundraising campaign because it's a separate budget from our operating budget

*Motion to Pass 2026 Budget as presented at the AGM / September 2025 Board Meeting.*

*Moved by: Tim Hilborn*

*Seconded by: Mike Napier*

*In favour: Cory de Villiers, Saul Resendiz, Mike Devine, Tim Hilborn, Mike Napier*

*Motion carried.*

- Cory nominated Ben Irwin to be our next Treasurer. He has 10 years experience as a financial professional and is ready to commit to the role for two years.

*Motion to elect Ben as the Treasurer*

*Moved by: Cory de Villiers*

*Seconded by: Mike Napier*

*In favour: Cory de Villiers, Saul Resendiz, Mike Devine, Tim Hilborn, Mike Napier*

*Motion carried.*

### **Other Updates:**

- Mike Devine: River used to be a different colour every day. Environmentally we are a lot better. Fish in the river now. Water is cool. Long way to go but we've done a much better job.
- Brent (and Stephany - former Chair of the Hespeler BIA) who owns the Sazon building was diagnosed with cancer and passed away last week. His Celebration of Life is on Oct 26 at Sazon.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is set for October 8, 2025 at 6:30pm at Company of Neighbours, 11 Tannery St. E, Cambridge.

### **Close of Meeting:**

*Moved by: Cory de Villiers*

*Seconded by: Tim Hilborn*

*All in favour: Cory de Villiers, Saul Resendiz, Mike Devine, Tim Hilborn, Mike Napier*

*THAT the September 15th, 2025 meeting of the Hespeler Village BIA Board and AGM does now adjourn at 7:51pm.*

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Chair – HESPELER BIA

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Recording Secretary