



MINUTES

Hespeler Village Business Improvement Area Board Meeting Online - Google Meets December 10, 2025, 6:30pm

Committee Members in Attendance: Mike Devine, Cory de Villiers, Natasa de Villiers, Marina Gigovic, Tim Hilborn, Laura Pearce

Regrets: Mike Napier, Saul Resendiz, Ben Irwin

Guests: Andras Suciu, Village Schoolhouse

Meeting Called to Order

The Chair welcomed everyone present online, and called the December 2025 board meeting to order at 6:35pm. A reminder of the code of conduct was given, no conflicts were declared.

Approval of Minutes: November 2025

Motion moved by: Natasa de Villiers

Seconded by: Marina Gigovic

Abstained: Tim Hilborn, due to not being present for the November BIA meeting

In favour: Mike Devine, Natasa de Villiers, Cory de Villiers, Marina Gigovic

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

City Update: Laura Pearce

- Reminder of invoices: Any and all invoices are due by the end of day December 10.

Councillor Update: Mike Devine

- City budget: Has been finalized
- Santa Claus parade: Went well
- Hespeler Reunion: Committee is working hard and will reach out to Kelsey in January to get involved

Chair Update - Cory de Villiers

- New businesses downtown: Chic Key Boutique, Crimson Saint Tattoo Studio, Pharmacy
 - has been here for about 6 months, Lazer boutique at 4 Queen St E, Pop-up shop for Debbie's Watercolours at Bossa Nova's old location
- Waterfall is purple until December 11th to commemorate victims of intimate partner violence. MPP Jess Dixon is spearheading this initiative from a provincial mandate on how to mitigate IPV against females. Kelsey to make an announcement on social.

Treasurer Update - Ben Irwin - Presented by Chair

- Not in attendance but provided update for Chair to share
- Savings account balance = \$15,842.96 which includes a decrease of \$22.26 due to bank charges

- Chequing account balance = \$8,882.51 which includes a decrease of \$2,806.92 due to the snowflake installation
- \$2,000 cheque will be processed for winterfest sponsorship
- Ben has yet to deposit Levy cheques

Executive Director Update - Kelsey Vere

- Full update [here](#)

Other Updates:

- Ernie's signage grant update: After reviewing our feedback, Ernie's has modified their signage plans to include raised letters for "ERNIE'S" with Edison bulbs around them. This meets the requirements for the grant. They're eligible for up to \$1,500 in reimbursement. They will apply for their own permit and have it installed.

Motion to approve signage application for reimbursement of \$1,500

Moved by: Cory de Villiers

Seconded by: Tim Hilborn

In favour: Tim Hilborn, Mike Napier, Natasa de Villiers, Cory de Villiers, Marina Gigovic

Abstained: None

Motion passed

- Tara O'Donnell resigned. It was discussed whether or not we have enough board members to continue. We need a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 9. We have 7. Not required to proceed with a by-election. Full election will occur in October. 6 months prior, the BIA can proceed with appointing someone to join the board without needing an election. Andras Suci of the Village Schoolhouse, would like to become a board member and is happy to attend as a volunteer / community member in the meantime that it can be made official. Board has agreed to wait until April to appoint Andras a member of the board, and anyone else interested in filling seats.
- Pole repairs and snowflake replacements to be discussed at a later date.

Next Meeting

Next meeting is set for January 14, 2026 at 6:30pm at Company of Neighbours, 11 Tannery St. E, Cambridge.

Close of Meeting:

Moved by: Marina Gigovic

Seconded by: Tim Hilborn

All in favour: Natasa de Villiers, Cory de Villiers, Tim Hilborn, Marina Gigovic

THAT the December 10th, 2025 meeting of the Hespeler Village BIA Board does now adjourn at 7:33pm.

Chair – HESPELER BIA

Recording Secretary