

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Location: Community Centre, Niagara-on-the-Lake, BoardRoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by **Andrea (Chair)**. Quorum was confirmed.

1. Attendance

Present:

Andrea Leja, Peter Jamieson, Michael Ennamorato, Kim Friesen, Teri Andrusiw, Ron Simkus, Stuart McCormack, Brenda Tipper

Regrets:

None noted

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved by: N/A (**We did not follow Roberts Rules today**)

Seconded by: N/A

Result: N/A

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

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4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting.

Moved by: N/A (**We did not follow Roberts Rules today**)

Seconded by: N/A

Result: N/A

5. Chair's Report

Stuart and Ron provided an overview of the Association's progress and key strategic considerations, including incorporation status, committee formation, public positioning, communications discipline, and the importance of maintaining a constructive, non-adversarial relationship with Town staff and Council. They also emphasized prioritizing concise, evidence-

based submissions and reducing workload concentration through shared leadership. No formal motions arose from the report.

6. Financial Report

Ron confirmed that the Association is incorporated, insured, and operating with appointed officers and directors. Budget limitations were noted, with discussion of grants, partnerships, and student research as potential supports.

7. Committee and Working Group Updates

Governance & Finance:

Four subcommittees have been established: Governance; Planning & Land Use; Civic Engagement; and Environmental & Infrastructure. Governance will lead election-related preparations, including candidate questions and a public timeline.

Planning & Development:

Concerns were discussed regarding recent development decisions, parkland dedication and cash-in-lieu interpretation, and the need for concise policy briefs to support better decision-making.

Infrastructure & Environment:

Infrastructure pressures, including St. Davids wastewater constraints, were noted. Opportunities for student research projects to consolidate data were discussed.

Community Services & Quality of Life:

Committee priorities include balancing tourism with resident quality of life, addressing seniors' supports and youth engagement, and protecting access to parks and public spaces.

8. Priority Advocacy Files

The committee agreed to focus advocacy on two primary areas:

- Balancing tourism growth with resident quality of life
- Sustaining opportunity and supports across age groups

Additional priorities include parkland protection, clearer communications with Town staff, and preparation for the upcoming municipal election.

9. Correspondence

No formal correspondence was reviewed during the meeting.

10. New Business

Discussion included reinforcing centralized messaging, discouraging unauthorized public representation, and the value of revising existing municipal strategies rather than commissioning new studies where feasible.

11. In-Camera Session

Brenda Tipper attended the meeting via WhatsApp

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday February 24th 4:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m in the Boardroom

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.