

Aldershot BIA Newsletter

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Meet the New Board



The Aldershot Village BIA held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. The event was held at LaSalle Park Retirement Residence and was attended by eighteen members. The guest speaker was Frank McKeown, the Executive Director of the Burlington Economic Development Corporation and a full course breakfast was served immediately after the meeting.

The highlight of the meeting was the recap of the accomplishments of 2014, presented by Councillor Craven. He mentioned our \$20,000 contribution to the west end sign; our willingness to financially support the public art project on Plains Road and our contribution to the beautification of the Waterdown Road and Plains Road intersection.

Our out-going Treasurer, Mark Orr, presented the financial highlights of 2014. Mark noted that we hold \$97,000 in strategic reserves as well as about \$40,000 in our current account. With prudent financial management, the BIA is proud to be a major contributor on the behalf of members, to the beautification of the Waterdown-Plains intersection.

Elections to the Board were held immediately after the Annual General Meeting. There were ten vacancies and nine candidates. Therefore the nine candidates were acclaimed. The remaining, vacant position was filled by Ana Cruz, who was appointed.

Councillor Rick Craven addresses the board members and guests at the Annual General Meeting of the Aldershot Village BIA. Councillor Craven reviewed the accomplishments of the BIA for 2014. and outlined some of the projects we are considering for 2015



Left to right: Frank McKeown, our guest speaker; our Chair, Kelvin Galbraith and Councillor Rick Craven.

Our Chair, Kelvin Galbraith, presents Frank McKeown with a gift certificate to his favourite golf course

Third Annual Aldershot Jane's Walk

The Aldershot Jane's Walk Committee held its third annual event on Sunday, May 3rd. Jane's Walks occur all over the world on the first weekend in May. The walk is in memory of Jane Jacobs, an urbanist and activist who championed a community based approach to city building. The purpose is to highlight urban development, with special attention to unique and special neighbourhoods. Combining an educational opportunity for all and family fun contribute to the continued success of our event.

This year's walk took place in the Waterdown Road area. St. Matthew's Church acted as the host for the walk. Eighty-five walkers participated, making it the largest event in Burlington and perhaps the largest walk in the province! Considering the numbers, we divided into two groups. Councillor Rick Craven and Louise Cooke acted as Tour Guides for each and led the walks. The stops at noteworthy locations were enhanced by the commentary of local experts.

Sixty delighted participants were treated to a barbeque, compliments of the Aldershot Lions Club. The Aldershot B.I.A. supplied draw prizes generously donated by Councillor Rick Craven and our great members.

All the feedback was positive, and many of the attendees declared that they would participate next year. This event assists in highlighting our businesses as community builders!



Aldershot Community Honour Roll

The Aldershot Community Honour Roll held its annual awards gala on Thursday, May, 28th. The gala is a celebration of Aldershot's history told through the rich history of our people. The event was held at Fern Hill School, on the North Service Road.

Congratulations to our Master of Ceremonies, Steve Foxcroft who did an excellent job, and The West Plains Bistro that catered the event, living up to their superb reputation!



The four winners are; back row, left to right; Mike Virgin for his role in Scouting and Gayle Bunison for her tireless work as a volunteer.

Front row: left to right; Robbie McGregor, one of the pioneers of recycling in Aldershot and Megan Haley, winner of the Youth Award.

Right in the middle of things, as usual, is Ward 1 Councillor Rick Craven!



Aldershot Public Art



The Aldershot Village public art project is the result of an innovative partnership between residents, the City of Burlington and corporate and community sponsors. A community steering committee was formed from a desire to see a public art project that would help to beautify Plains Road and create a neighbourhood hub. This resulted in a community driven fundraising campaign that garnered in over \$20,000. These funds were complemented by additional contributions from Branthaven Homes (\$20,000) and The City of Burlington (\$25,000). The total commission for this wonderful project is \$50,000. We are pleased that any additional funds raised will be used to further beautify the area. This is a valuable opportunity to change the face of our business community!

The public art installation will be located on a public setback in front of the new Jazz condominium. The setback faces Plains Road and serves to provide a public space between the condominium and Maplehurst Public School.

A community steering committee comprised of local artists, residents and businesses have determined the following to be the overall goals and vision for the project. The public art process and finished piece should:

- Complement the ongoing efforts to improve accessibility for pedestrians and beautification of Plains Road.
- Act as a visible and engaging community hub for the residents and visitors to the Aldershot community.
- Act as a link between the development site, school and broader community.
- Highlight local history and achievements.

Aldershot has again shown it's community spirit in the form of donations to this project. Our thanks to: Cobalt Connects, the Aldershot Lions, Plains Road Village Vision, Pollard Windows, Preston Insurance and Dr. M.P. Pedlar and TD Moskal & CO.

Everything Old is New Again -"Alderfest" Returns!

A celebration is coming to Aldershot. The Aldershot Lions Club and the Warrick-Surrey Community Association are partnering to create a new "Alderfest."

"Alderfest" will be held at Bolus Gardens on Sunday, June 28th, from 1 to 4 pm. Bolus Gardens is located at the corner of Francis Road and Plains Road East. (opposite IKEA)

The event will feature ball hockey pick up games with balls and sticks provided. The Aldershot Lions will be offering a free barbeque and the first hundred families will receive a free loot bag. The kids will love the Kids Zone and the bouncy castle. There will be entertainment and interactive demonstrations for the adults as well. Our community partners, the Police, the Fire Department and Halton Health will be in attendance too. It is a great beginning!

Francis Road Reconstruction

The south west corner of Francis Road at Plains will undergo a transformation in 2016. The City is adding a small parkette and some enhancements to the surrounding area. The bus stop will be improved to accommodate the anticipated increase in ridership.

The Aldershot Lions will be contributing \$20,000 to this project. The park is named Bolus Park, after the late Lion, and community builder, George Bolus

☀️ BIA IN THE COMMUNITY ☀️

The Waterdown Road and Plains Road intersection is undergoing a transformation. The iconic Murray's Variety is gone to make way for an additional two lanes on Waterdown Road for a total of five. With all of the improvements comes the opportunity to beautify what will be the major gateway to Aldershot.

The Aldershot Village BIA is contributing \$65,000 to this project. We are installing a concrete seating area as well as two benches. This will bring total seating to approximately twelve people. In addition, the city is creating a flower garden and the BIA will be supplying the trellis, similar to the one at King Road and Plains. Additionally, the BIA will be funding the purchase of four decorative street lamps. It was our hope that the work could be done this year. We would like to install Christmas decorations on the street lights, including the light standards in front of LaSalle Park Retirement This would bring the total number of decorations to twelve. However, because of the cost and the uncertainty of the completion date, this project has been deferred until 2016.

The City is installing concrete medians, one on each side of Waterdown Road and one on Waterdown Road. These will be filled with low shrubs or flowers. It is hoped that local businesses will sponsor the cost of maintaining the flower beds. If you are interested, contact the City or the Aldershot Village BIA. Sponsorship costs vary but are generally in the \$1,000 per year range.

Waterdown Road as it looked on the evening of May 28, 2015. This \$4.8 million dollar up grade to the intersection includes 5 lanes on Waterdown Road, 3 new medians, a parkette on the old Murray's site and decorative street lighting. Waterdown Road will be closed until November and the whole project is scheduled to be completed by December. The lights at Cooke Boulevard will stay.



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Board meetings are the second Thursday of every month.
Meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. Members are most welcome!

Meeting Locations:

June—Burlington Gardens

July— Fortino's

August—LaSalle Park Retirement

September—Park Avenue Manor

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