



**Our BIA is integral to advancing a distinct, livable, vibrant and resilient business district within its local community.**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

**RE: Belle River – On the Lake BIA AGM**

The Belle River BIA Board of Management would like to invite you to attend our 2023 Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at Rochester Place Golf Club & Resort Resort, 981 County Road 2, Belle River, Ontario. Please find attached the AGM Agenda, the 2024 BIA Budget to be voted on at the AGM and a Voter Eligibility Form and/or Proxy Registration.

Please return your voter form to the BIA Coordinator by email at [Janel@belleriverbia.com](mailto:Janel@belleriverbia.com) by Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information is available by calling or texting Janel at 519-728-4624. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to assign a proxy form to give permission for someone to attend in your place and vote.

**Municipal Act Voting Regulations**

**Membership**

(4) Members of an improvement area consist of persons who are assessed, on the last returned assessment roll, with respect to rateable property in the area that is in a prescribed business property class and tenants of such property. 2001, c. 25, s. 204 (4). \* Tenants whose lease includes payments of property taxes would be eligible to vote

**Determining tenancy**

(5) In determining whether a person is a tenant or not, the clerk of the municipality may accept a list provided under clause 210 (2) (b) or the declaration of a person that the person is a tenant and the determination of the clerk is final. 2001, c. 25, s. 204 (5).

**One vote**

(6) Each member of an improvement area has one vote regardless of the number of properties that the member may own or lease in the improvement area. 2001, c. 25, s. 204 (6).

**Nominee**

(7) A corporate member of an improvement area may nominate in writing one individual to vote on behalf of the corporation. 2001, c. 25, s. 204 (7). \*Please use the attached Voter Registration Form. A store manager or a bank manager may be a corporate delegate for the businesses.

**Joint nominee**

(8) Subject to subsection (6), one individual may be nominated for voting purposes by two or more corporations that are members of an improvement area. 2001, c. 25, s. 204 (8).

Immediately after the AGM, we will be holding an appreciation event to recognize all of our 2024 Event Sponsors and we are hoping that you can stay to network with your fellow BIA Members.

Best regards,

Janel Gagnier, BIA Coordinator

**Belle River-On the Lake BIA - Business Improvement Area**

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**“A truly successful BIA creates a spirit of cooperation that improves the local community not only for all businesses but for property owners and local residents as well.”**

