



## County of Brant Council Report

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**To:** To the Mayor and Members of County of Brant Council  
**From:** Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk/Director of Council Services  
**Date:** March 25, 2025  
**Report #:** RPT-0146-25  
**Subject:** Paris Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2025 Board Executive Appointments and Annual Budget  
**Purpose:** For Approval

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### **Recommendation**

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That the by-laws amending the appointed members of the Paris Business Improvement Area (BIA) Executive Board and approving the 2025 Paris BIA Budget be forwarded to Council for consideration.

### **Strategic Plan Priority**

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Strategic Priority 6 - Stable and Responsive Governance

### **Impacts and Mitigation**

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#### Social Impacts

The Paris BIA provides a valuable connection and liaison between County of Brant Council and the downtown Paris business community. The appointment of an executive board and approval of the annual budget are two key steps in promoting the activities and programs of this organization.

#### Environmental Impacts

N/A

#### Economic Impacts

The approved budget for the BIA will be funded through levies issued against the BIA members, being property owners and business within the BIA boundaries. There are 85 properties within the BIA boundaries. The Board is proposing a \$325 tax levy per property.

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#### Background

The Paris BIA held its Annual General Meeting on January 31, 2025. A subsequent virtual meeting was held on March 6, 2025, for the election of board members and a review of the 2025 Operating Budget. Six positions were available, and six nominations were received. As such, all nominees were acclaimed.

## Analysis

The following members are currently recommended for appointment to the Paris BIA by by-law, serving until February 1, 2027:

- Councillor Lukas Oakley (appointed until end of 2026 Term of Council)
- Penny Ritchie
- Zack Haight
- David Mahn
- Emery Silva
- Amy Jackson
- Sandra Sousa

A By-law to amend the appointment by-law has been prepared for Council's consideration.

The Executive-elect and the General Membership reviewed the 2025 draft budget, which was prepared in conjunction with the Executive Board members and the County of Brant Economic Development Department staff. The Paris BIA has approved the attached budget, for Council's consideration. A by-law to approve this budget has been prepared for Council's consideration.

## **Attachments**

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1. Paris BIA 2025 Draft Budget

## **Reviewed By**

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N/A

## **Copied To**

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1. Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development and Tourism
2. Brandon Webb, Research & Marketing Economic Development Officer
3. Heather Boyd, General Manager of Corporate Services

## **By-law and/or Agreement**

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By-law Required	Yes
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No