Minutes of the Aldergrove Business Association Annual General Meeting
April 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm
At Aldergrove Elks Lodge, 27118 Fraser Hwy.

Present:

Jen Davies, Secretary/Treasurer	Shawna Winter, Guest
Jodi Steeves, President	Veronica Cave, Member
Susan Glover, Director	Waleola Akinsanmi, Guest
Greg Davis, Director	Menita Prasad, Member
Sharon Brown, Director	
Karen Long, Member	
Dean Malik, Member	
Virginia Plant, Member	
El Teljeur, Guest	
Yvonne Powell, Member	

Regrets:
Vanessa Pike, Director
Bonnie Angelini, Director

1. **Establish Quorum** - Article 3.7 – The quorum for the transaction of business at a general meeting is 3 voting members or 10% of the voting members, whichever is greater. It was established that quorum has been attained. Moved by Susan and seconded by Sharon.

1. **Previous Minutes:** Moved by Sharon and seconded by Menita that the minutes from the April 3, 2025 Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. All in favour.

2. President Jodi Steeves thanked the Directors for their contributions over the past year and presented them with gifts.

3. **President's Report:** Jodi showed the members a slideshow presentation, with pictures of our events over the past year. She then outlined the history of the ABA… Started in 2008 with a focus on addressing crime and break-ins in the area. From there, it grew into something more… building connection between businesses and the community. She wants there to be a stronger focus on graffiti removal, signage awareness, and overall cleanliness of the downtown core. Clean windows, well-kept storefronts, clear signage, etc. go a long way in making people feel welcome. She also discussed youth initiatives to prevent crime, gangs or vandalism. She discussed ideas for programs to build skills, confidence and a sense of belonging. She also discussed an idea to organize a Sip and Stroll event, where local businesses could offer a small cocktail and appetizer at their location. Guests could purchase tickets for the event and then spend a couple hours strolling from business to business. She then reminded everyone to come out to

our ABA socials. They're a great way to connect, and we'll continue to have Shepherd Marketing there, capturing short promo videos for our members. Lastly, she reminded the members that we are still looking for help on the social media side. Ideally, this would be someone who can spend about 30 minutes per day liking and sharing posts from our ABA members. To make it more manageable, this could be a rotating role. It's a simple way to support each other and keep everyone visible without it falling on just one person.

4. **Adoption of 2025 Financials:** Jen directed the members to the Income Statement showing the revenue and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2025 and with comparative figures for the year ending December 31, 2024. While there was a profit in 2024, there was a loss at the end of 2025 in the amount of $1,292.39. This was mostly due to the higher cost of banner installations. Jen explained this was part of the reason why we had to increase the annual dues to $69.99. Jen also reported that there are 83 paid members. Greg motioned to adopt the 2025 Financials and Jodi seconded it. All in favour.

5. **Adoption of proposed bylaw changes:** See attached outline of changes. Jodi motioned to accept the changes, and Veronica seconded. All in favour.

6. **Election of New Directors (minimum of 3, no more than 7):** Jen reported that there were no other members who expressed interest in joining the ABA Board of Directors, however, the current Board of Directors opted to remain. Jodi motioned to approve the names presented for the 2025 ABA Board of Directors, seconded by Menita. All in favour.
    a. Jodi Steeves
    b. Jen Davies
    c. Bonnie Angelini
    d. Vanessa Pike
    e. Sharon Brown
    f. Greg Davis
    g. Susan Glover

7. **Presentation and adoption of executive slate:** (must have served on the Board for one year immediately prior). Susan motioned to accept the executive slate, seconded by Jodi. All in favour.
    a. President – Jodi Steeves
    b. Vice President – Sharon Brown
    c. Treasurer – Jen Davies

8. **New Business:** Jen asked the members to vote whether to continue or improve the Member to Member Discount Program. After a discussion, it was decided to continue with the discount program, but NOT to continue with the physical discount cards. A member need only to disclose that they are an ABA member, and the discount should

be honoured. All the discounts will continue to be featured on the ABA website. This is how they do it at the Mission Chamber of Commerce for example. It is an honour system.

Jen drew the winner of the Spring Cleanup Campaign and it was Raj from Panago. Raj will receive $500, sponsored by Craig and Kelly from Jim's Mowing.

9. **Adjourn:** Moved by Veronica, seconded by Jodi. All in favour.

2026 Bylaw Changes

Old Article 2.6 – A person's membership in the Society is terminated if the person is not in good standing for 6 consecutive months.
New Article 2.6 – A person's membership in the Society is terminated if the person is not in good standing 2 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Old Article 3.13 – At a general meeting, voting must be by a show of hands, an oral vote or another method that adequately discloses the intention of the voting members, except that if, before or after such a vote, 2 or more voting members request a secret ballot or a secret ballot is directed by the chair of the meeting, voting must be by a secret ballot.
New Article 3.13 – At a general meeting, voting must be by a show of hands or by voting card.

Old Article 4.1 – The Society must have no fewer than 3 and no more than 11 directors.
New Article 4.1 – The Society must have no fewer than 3 and no more than 7 directors.

Old Article 4.4 – A director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy ceases to be a director at the end of the unexpired portion of the term of office of the individual whose departure from office created the vacancy.
New Article 4.4 – A director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy ceases to be a director at the next Annual General Meeting.

New Article added:
Article 4.6 – The term of office of Directors will be two (2) years, commencing at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which such Director was elected.
New Article paragraph added under Article 6.5 (Role of Secretary):
Article 6.5 (f) – writing grants or appointing another person to write grants.

New Article added:
Article 6.8 – To be eligible for election to an Executive position on the Board (President, Vice President or Treasurer), a candidate must have a minimum of one (1) year's current service on the Board.