Minutes of the Aldergrove Business Association General Meeting
Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm
At the Fox & Hounds Pub – 26444 32nd Ave., Aldergrove

Present:
Jodi Steeves, President
Sharon Brown, Vice-President
Jen Davies, Secretary/Treasurer
Vanessa Pike, Director
Bonnie Angelini, Director
Waleola Akinsanmi, Member
Veronica Cave, Member
Christina Ford, Member
Teryl Grant, Member
Jeff Paul, Member
Kent Stebbings, Member
Samantha Stebbings, Member
Joanna Agatep, Guest
Andrew Sigalet, Guest
Karen Long, Member
Rob Wilson, Guest
Susan Glover, Guest
Alyssa Nielsen, Guest
Baylee Webster, Member
Anthony Gandevin, Guest
Angela Pearce, Member
Rea Coates, Member
Kathy Anderson, Member
Harold Pinter, Member
Jeanette Martin, Member
Yvonne Powell, Member
Thomas Pinter, Member
Tania Meyers, Member
Vijay Sharma, Member
Sunny Sharma, Member
Bruce Heslop, Guest

Regrets:
Greg Davis, Director
Sherri Martin, Director

Members were treated to appetizers generously provided by the Fox & Hounds Pub.

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Veronica and seconded by Vanessa that the November 26, 2025 agenda be adopted as circulated.

2. **Previous Minutes:** Moved by Veronica and seconded by Sharon that the minutes from the October 23, 2025 General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jen updated the group with the ABA's financial position. There is $7599.44 in the ABA bank account. There are 5 new members since our last meeting – Aldergrove Ironmen Jr A Hockey Team, Inclusion Langley, JNP Aldergrove Foods (dba Bobs Kitchen & Bar), Langley Animal Protection Society and Yvonne Powell, On Call Clergy. We now have 93 members.

Outstanding Business:

a. Jodi introduced Mehar from Shepherd Marketing. Mehar does videography and digital marketing for Jodi and he has agreed to donate his services to the ABA.

Mehar captured the evening via video, filming members as they came in the door and interviewing some of them. He will create a video for the ABA to use on Instagram and Facebook.

4. **Committee Reports:**
    a. Events (Jodi, Bonnie, Vanessa and Sharon)
        1. Shop Local – Jodi updated the group on the 30 day Shop Local promotion which is currently underway from Nov. 17 to Dec. 17. People who shop at ABA member businesses can text their receipts over $25 to 604.833.5634 and be entered into a daily draw to win gift cards from ABA members. Posts about this promotion have been shared on social media and published in the Aldergrove Star. Jodi created a poster and she asked members to take a copy and post it at their storefronts along with a list of all ABA members. Huge thanks to our sponsors – Otter Co-op, Veronica's Gourmet Perogies, Star Travel, Hive Donut Hut, Javalova Coffee, Glow Girl Beauty Bar, Cranky's Bike Shop, Wireless Country, Pearce Home Hardware, Langley Meals on Wheels, Firehouse Café, JD Farms, Tag Pest Control and Jodi Steeves.
        2. 4th Annual Christmas tree lighting event recap– Nov. 23 from 4-6pm at the Community Centre overflow parking lot. Alyssa reported this event was a huge success. JD Farms gave out 500 hotdogs in 1 hour. Jodi gave out 750 cookies. There were even more activities for families this year, all free, including a mini train ride. Alyssa thanked everyone for their help and donations to make this a 'Yes' event, including (but not limited to) Home Hardware, Veronica's Perogies, Jodi Steeves and Factory Outlet Trailers. She also thanked the sponsors – El Tel Design, Canyon Alpine RV Resort & Campground, Cooper Equipment Rentals and the Township of Langley.
        3. Christmas Parade and Pre-Party – Dec. 13 from 4-7pm at the corner of 270th St. and Fraser Hwy. Beem Credit Union will have a free fun photo booth, popcorn, treats and swag. Complimentary hotdogs will be provided by the Aldergrove Rotary and FreshCo will provide free hot chocolate. There will be a stage with dancing and singing. Pose for selfies with Santa, take a mini train ride and make crafts. The parade will start at 6pm. There are currently 51 floats registered, and it's not too late to register. Alyssa is still looking for volunteers.
5. **New Business:**
    a. An email went out recently to all members asking for their Instagram handles. Jodi wants to tag all our members on social media, so she asked everyone to please send us their Instagram handles if they haven't done so already.

b. Volunteer Recognition – Vanessa was recognized for all her hard work handing out Halloween posters and rallying the businesses to take part in the event.
c. Group photo was taken to be posted on social media.

6. **Next Meeting:** Location and date TBA.
7. **Adjourn:** at 7:00pm. All in favour. Mingling and white elephant gift exchange game took place after the meeting.