

## **Carp Road Corridor BIA Annual Report 2018**

The Carp Road Corridor plus the Carp Airport industrial area is Ottawa's largest designated rural employment area. The area is home to a large existing business community and employment base as well as having over 600 h of subdivided and large block vacant land. The BIA was formed in 2011 and has boundaries matching the Official Plan rural employment area designation.

**MISSION:** The BIA mission is to assist and promote the business community and the vacant property land base in the Area.

**OBJECTIVES:** As the BIA pursues its mission, it will:

- (i) Act as a unified "voice" for business and property owners in the Area;
- (ii) Undertake activities which promote the economic benefits of a strong rural industrial and commercial land base;
- (iii) Undertake activities which promote land development and business within the BIA boundary;

(iii) Maintain a list of members to promote communication and notices for and among members.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS:** The BIA was formed in 2011 around a strategic direction to assert and to better understand the economic development potential uplift – more jobs - which may be obtained by improved municipal services in the Corridor. A focus of this initiative has been municipal water. Since 2015, the BIA has added transit and area traffic to strategic directions.

## 2018 HIGHLIGHTS:

- Held 12 Board meetings, the AGM and the annual social event
- Worked with individual members on site issues including development constraints related to wastewater management, drainage/flooding and business attraction
- Participated as an organizer of the Making it in Manufacturing Ottawa Chamber of Commerce event and supported the Chambers efforts to raise the profile of manufacturing in Ottawa

- Sponsored an Algonquin College student project related to promoting manufacturing in Ottawa
- Completed a study of the role BIA's may be able to play in helping members with employee attraction (through a grant from the Ottawa Employment Hub)
- Worked with other rural business associations to promote Ottawa's rural business economy

**FINANCES:** In 2018 the BIA delivered services to members within the approved budget.

For 2019, the Board of the BIA brought forward a levy proposal, which was approved by members, of \$115,000. Members also approved a draw on reserves, if required, to fund studies and participation in the City's Official Plan and Rural Economic Development project as well as other projects / spending deemed necessary to fulfill the BIA objectives.

## NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

Shawn Argue
Sandra Cain
Gary Connolly
Ken Crawford

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Yours truly,

Roddy Bolivar, Executive Director