1. CALL TO ORDER: Determine if a quorum is present. Time: 5:10 p.m.
Public/delegations present: n/a

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:
   a. moved by: C. Heutinck seconded by: D. Gilvesy
      “Carried”

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF:
   “none declared”

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board of Management continued its discussion of the Ford Government “Regional Review” and the need for the board to provide feedback via a board resolution. After a lengthy debate, the board of management passed the following resolution:
   **MOTION:**
   Moved by: C. Heutinck and Seconded by: M. Tedesco and resolved that the BIA Board of Management recommends a new government structure that would be more effective; cost-efficient and responsive to the taxpayer; by creating three separated one-tier municipalities/regions in the Oxford County. Three new, large and separated municipalities for the purposes of this resolution are identified as East Oxford, Northwest Oxford and South Oxford. The political boundaries for this proposal will be determined through a county-wide consultation process. By having three separated municipalities and eliminating the upper-tier, you would reduce the number of existing politicians by more than half. This plan would similarly and more importantly, reduce the number of current CAO’s from 9 to 3; the number of Chief Building Officials from 8 to 3; number of municipal clerks from 9 to 3; the number of Fire Chief’s from 8 to 3 and the entire elimination of county operational functions & council. This plan would deliver savings of approximately $10 million annually, beginning in 2022 – which is a direct saving and benefit for the taxpayer. Further, the amount of red tape would be significantly reduced by having all operating functions at one tier of government – the tier closest to the people.

By restructuring now, to provide more effective government and to prepare for our growth challenges for the next 50 years; this proposal addresses all of the mandate elements from Minister Clark. The BIA believes a one-tier Oxford County would not deliver any improvement in citizen engagement; efficiency or reduction of red-tape. The geography itself including vast agricultural lands does not lend itself to being a one-tier government and having a one-tier government using the existing upper-tier structure with the municipal seat in Woodstock; may lead to a further disconnection between the various communities of interest. There are three distinct regions in Oxford. A separated municipal structure of 3 units vs. the existing 9; would
allow for proper alignment of services, especially with respect to emergency and protective services on the Highway 401 and 403 corridors for example. The other distinct advantages would be improved logistics for all facets of daily operational functions and remove obvious obstacles with planning, for example, the CAMI plant in Ingersoll being split into two different lower-tier municipalities. The BIA also proposes a new Oxford Services Agency; OSA; which would be constituted as a coordination mechanism for such items as transportation planning for example. The OSA would be operated within the confines of the existing new budget structure of the new 3 larger communities of interest and would not add any cost or bureaucracy. Further, the BIA recommends to Minister Clark; to expand the terms of reference to include boundary adjustments for those areas of the existing County of Oxford where operational pressures and growth are a challenge with respect to process; red tape; planning and day-to-day functionality. The two specific areas are the Tavistock/north Oxford area abutting the County of Perth and the Town of Tillsonburg-south Oxford area abutting Norfolk & Elgin counties; which complicates and exacerbates the many facets of governance and planning.

The BIA would avail itself to formally present our proposal to Minister Clark and the Regional Review Committee directly.

5. DELEGATIONS: n/a.

6. ROUNDTABLE: The board directed the ED to present this above motion at the public meeting to be held upcoming on May 16th, 2019 at the Tillsonburg Senior’s Centre Auditorium.

7. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, May 23rd, 2019 at Carriage Hall – 7:00 am breakfast & 7:30 am meeting

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN: C. Heutinck moved; Seconded by M. Tedesco. 6:15 pm.