

Business Improvement Areas - 2025 Board Appointments, Budgets & Enabling Bylaws

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Business Improvement Areas (BIAs)



- 15 BIAs
- Established by municipal bylaw under Municipal Government Act
- 6400+ Businesses in the 15 BIAs
- Appointing 80 Board members





2025 BIA Budgets

- BIA Tax Levy \$6.2M
- BIA Taxpayers sent budgets & notification letter December 2024
- 10 BIAs increased the tax amount in 2025



BIA Enabling Bylaws

2025 Business Improvement Area Tax Bylaw 6M2025

 Outlines the assessment & tax process for the BIA taxes

2025 Business Improvement Area Tax Rate Bylaw 7M2025

Sets the specific Tax Rate for each BIA





Board Appointments

- Board candidates nominated by a BIA taxpayer within the boundaries
- Candidates meet legislative requirements
- Align with each BIA's board-approved organizational bylaws



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