



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
9:00 am
Downtown Hamilton BIA - 20 Hughson St. S. Unit 104

MINUTES

Present: Evan Apostol (Chair), Jason Morse, Michelle Blanchard, Una Gibbons, Lisa LaRocca, Christal Pshyk, A/Sgt. Alex Buck (HPS), Sgt. Cory Gurman (HPS), Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth

Regrets: Francis Zanetti, Andrew Mantecon, Councillor Cameron Kreotsch, Mark Wu, Stefanie Bonazza, Ryan Moran

1. Welcome and comments from the Chair – Evan welcomed everyone
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - None
3. Agenda – **MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as presented. **Moved by U. Gibbons, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION:** That the minutes of April 11th, 2023 be approved as presented. **Moved by U. Gibbons, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
5. Hamilton Police Services Update – A/Sgt. Alex Buck – Introduced Sgt. Cory Gurman and noted that Sgt. Gurman would also be available to attend board meetings if necessary, to ensure that there is always a police representative at the meetings. Indicated that the April 2023 crime statistics were lower than the previous year's records during the same month, but there is likely to be an increase in the coming months due to more foot traffic as the weather gets warmer. Explained that there is currently a foot patrol with a minimum of two officers walking around the downtown core and speaking to business owners, and indicated there are efforts to have officers present in Gore Park during the Summer Promenade. Discussed the Trespassing Property Act and indicated that there is a form available for business owners that can grant police permission to remove individuals that are trespassing when the owners are not present.
6. City of Hamilton Update – Councillor Kroetsch - Absent
7. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials for March 2023 be approved as presented. **Moved by L. LaRocca, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**

Mission: The Downtown Hamilton BIA provides value to our members through advocacy, beautification, promotion, development and preservation of Downtown Hamilton.

Vision: A vital and prosperous downtown that is the focal point of Hamilton.

8. Discussion - Presentation of Draft Action Plan by Patty Hayes of Page by Page Consulting – Patty Hayes gave an overview of the final draft Action Plan that she created for the Downtown Hamilton BIA, and discussed some of the major points. Indicated that this plan is nimble and agile, and acts as suggestions for the BIA to tailor for their own specific needs. **ACTION:** Compile the main and most important ideas from the Action plan into an Executive Overview document for the board.
9. Other Items - BIA staff update – Emily Walsh spoke about the initiatives that the BIA is currently undertaking, such as the return of the Summer Promenade, the closure of King William for the dining district, and the approval of Canada Summer Job funding to hire summer students. The Board then expressed interest in having task force items incorporated into each month’s agenda, as well as an overview of the previous month’s initiatives or important details to note. **ACTION:** Host a discussion to choose a specific action from our three strategic objectives to focus on for the coming months.
10. Adjournment: 10:02 am

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meetings

- June 13th, 9am BIA Office