



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
9:00 am
Downtown Hamilton BIA - 20 Hughson St. S. Unit 104

MINUTES

Present: Jason Morse (Chair), Andrew Mantecon, Michelle Blanchard, Ryan Moran, Mark Wu, Lisa LaRocca, A/Sgt. Alex Buck (HPS), Councillor Cameron Kreotsch, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth

Regrets: Evan Apostol, Francis Zanetti, Stefanie Bonazza, Una Gibbons, Christal Pshyk

1. Welcome and comments from the Chair – Jason welcomed everyone
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - None
3. Agenda – **MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as presented. **Moved by A. Mantecon, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION:** That the minutes of May 9th, 2023 be approved as presented. **Moved by R. Moran, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
5. Hamilton Police Services Update – A/Sgt. Alex Buck – Indicated that there has been a stable trend line regarding crime rates in downtown Hamilton over the past 6 months, and the average for June 2023 is well below the average the from last year. Discussed that the HPS is continuing to work toward foot patrols and explained that the police force does park and walks from Bay Street to Wellington Street. When discussing crime trends for the downtown core, he indicated that while 2 King Street West (Jackson Square) is not within the Downtown Hamilton BIA boundary, it is included in their data and therefore contributes to the crime trends that he presents to the BIA board. Reiterated their involvement in the Clean and Safe task force that will be happening later in the summer, and also indicated that there will be more foot patrols walking around during the summer. Shared that a Special Attention form has been submitted to have a more consistent police foot patrol presence for both the 12 to 2 pm and 4 to 6 pm time frame during the Summer Promenade.
6. Jason Morse put forward a request to change the agenda and include a City of Hamilton Update from Councillor Cameron Kroetsch at 9:14 am.
7. City of Hamilton Update – Councillor Kroetsch – First discussed the Ward 2 website and indicated that it is a valuable resource for community updates, notices, and any relevant information regarding

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changes in Ward 2. Mentioned that there will be more development surrounding access to graffiti programs throughout the city in the coming weeks, and there have been discussions about expanding the number of BIAs in Ward 2. Then spoke about the encampment protocol, saying that there will be a new one introduced in August. Discussed the fact that sanctioned sites will have access to a variety of services, and that a predominance of the sanctioned sites will likely be placed in the downtown core due to the concentration of community services in this area. Also spoke about a new safe injection site that will soon be coming to a men's shelter in the city. Indicated that this process will be application-based, and there are no applicants at this current time. Discussed that the services could include drug testing, supportive staff, and oxygen therapy, all acting under a pro-active solution approach.

8. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials for April 2023 be approved as presented. **Moved by L. LaRocca, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
9. Audited Financial Statements – **MOTION:** That the Audited Financial Statement for FYE 2022 be approved as presented. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
10. Other Items - BIA staff update – Emily Walsh spoke about the initiatives that the BIA is undertaking. Discussed the two students that the BIA was able to hire through Canada Summer Jobs, the adjusted tax levy for two properties that will go into effect next year, two sponsorship opportunities, and the social media initiative the BIA started to highlight available commercial properties. Then discussed the Main Street two-way conversion, and Emily Walsh indicated that she would inquire about more details surrounding this at the BIA sub-committee meeting later in the day. Later discussed both commercial vacancy inquiry statistics and the HSR redesign, and the BIA will look into sharing this information with both the board and its membership.
11. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 9:53 am. **Moved by R. Moran, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**

Dates to Note:

- Open Streets Festival - June 18th 2023
- City of Hamilton Summer Concert Series in Downtown Hamilton - July 14th

Next Board Meetings

- September 12th, 9am BIA Office