



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, June 11th, 2024
9:00 am
Hybrid - DHBIA Office 104 - 20 Hughson St. S. and Virtual

MINUTES

Present: Evan Apostol (Chair), Jason Morse, Andrew Mantecon, Ryan Moran, Lisa LaRocca, Christal Pshyk, Stefanie Bonazza, Michelle Blanchard, Mark Wu, Sgt. Alex Buck, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, Michael Cipollo, Paula Cipollo, Emily Walsh

Regrets: Una Gibbons, Francis Zanetti, Emily Gilruth

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 A. Mantecon, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION:** That the minutes of May 14th, 2024 be approved as presented. **Moved by S. Bonazza, Seconded by C. Pshyk CARRIED**
5. Hamilton Police Services Update - Sgt. Alex Buck - Indicated that the crime trends for 2024 are consistent with the average from last year at the same time. Shared that trespassing, ambulance assist and suspicious activity are the three most frequent calls for service within the entirety of Ward 2.
6. Councillor Update - Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
 - a. Public Washrooms
 - b. Core Patrol PrioritiesBegan by discussing a council motion to bring temporary public washrooms to downtown parks. Noted that if a temporary washroom was to be placed in Gore Park, its continued maintenance would not be the responsibility of the BIA or its staff. Then proceeded to discuss the City of Hamilton's encampment protocol and its purpose, before ending by clarifying the relationship between the City Council and the Hamilton Police Service. Downtown Hamilton BIA members Paula and Michael Cipollo were then recognized by the Chair and discussed the topic of safety and the perception of the area within the Downtown Hamilton BIA.

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.

7. Discussion - Safety and Security in Downtown Hamilton Survey Report – The Board of Management then proceeded to discuss the next steps for the report.
8. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials for January 2024 (revised) and April 2024 be approved as presented. **Moved by R. Moran, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
9. Audited Financial Statements – **MOTION:** That the Audited Financial Statement for FYE 2023 be approved as presented. **Moved by E. Apostol, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
10. Other Items - BIA Staff Update – Emily Walsh provided an update on the Gore Park Summer Promenade, other upcoming events and placemaking initiatives that will be happening throughout the area.
11. Adjournment – 10:15 AM

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting - September 10 2024