



Board of Management
Tuesday, September 10th, 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, Michelle Blanchard, Mark Wu, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, Sgt. Cory Gurman, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth

Regrets: Stefanie Bonazza, Una Gibbons, Francis Zanetti

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 J. Morse, Seconded by A. Mantecon CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION:** That the minutes of June 11th, 2024 be approved as presented. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by J. Morse CARRIED**
5. Hamilton Police Services Update - Sgt. Cory Gurman – Sgt. Gurman began by discussing the number of reported incidents across the months of July and August, and once again reinforced that their data includes Jackson Square, which is not within the Downtown Hamilton BIA’s boundary. Then proceeded to discuss new updates to police response within the downtown core, including the upcoming increase in the number of core patrol officers and how this will reflect in more officers on the ground during the day.
6. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials for May, June, and July 2024 be approved as presented. **Moved by J. Morse, Seconded by A. Mantecon CARRIED**
7. Other Items - BIA Staff Update – Emily Walsh began by discussing a variety of topics relating to the Downtown Hamilton BIA, including a new vacant board seat, the commercial vacancy audit, the BIA Operating Budgets Program, the new staff role, beautification and recap of the events that we participated in during the summer. Councillor Cameron Kroetsch then discussed a variety of topics surrounding housing within Hamilton, and how this connects to the city’s encampment protocol. Emily

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.

Walsh then finished by discussing some important dates to note for the rest of the year, including the upcoming Halloween Spooktacular, Hamilton Day, our Annual General Meeting and Christmas in Gore Park. **MOTION:** Approve the recommendation to submit a request to the BIA Operating Budgets Program to utilize funding for the purchase of new Christmas decorations and maintenance of existing décor pieces. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by A. Mantecon CARRIED**

8. Adjournment – 10:05 AM

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting - October 8 2024