



Board of Management
Tuesday, October 8th, 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, Stefanie Bonazza, Una Gibbons, Staff Sgt. Dave McKenzie, Lisa Gajewicz, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth

Regrets: Francis Zanetti, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

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 J. Morse CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION:** That the minutes of September 10th, 2024 be approved as presented. **Moved by J. Morse, Seconded by A. Mantecon CARRIED**
5. Hamilton Police Services Update – Emily Walsh began by sharing that the BIA board of directors will be getting a new crime manager, so she will present the crime statistics in the interim. Shared that there were 15 reported incidents during the month of September, which is a decrease from the 19 incidents that were reported at the same time last year.
6. Presentation - Overview of the Rapid Intervention Support Team (RIST) – Staff Sgt. Dave McKenzie began by giving an overview of the Hamilton Police Service’s Social Navigator program, which works proactively with EMS and community partners to offer social responses to vulnerable individuals within the city. Within this program, they have healthcare, justice system and community social services expertise. The Social Navigator Coordinator Lisa Gajewicz then spoke about the Rapid Intervention Support Team program, which is an extension of the Social Navigator program. RIST acts as a multi-disciplinary outreach team, providing resources and support to vulnerable individuals and those with repeat interactions with police or first responders.
7. Other Items - BIA Staff Update- Emily Walsh began by discussing a variety of updates relevant to the Downtown Hamilton BIA, including the new staff role, the BIA board vacancy, revenues from the City

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of Hamilton’s Parking Revenue Sharing program, fall décor, beautification service updates within the downtown core and our new downtown Hamilton merch. Emily Gilruth then started by providing the BIA board of directors with an overview of the Summer Promenade before discussing the upcoming Halloween Spooktacular, Christmas Tree of Hope lighting, Hamilton Day and AGM. **MOTION:** Approve the recommendation to carry over the 2024 revenue from the Pre-Holiday Parking grant to be spent in 2025. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by A. Mantecon CARRIED.**

8. Adjournment- 10:47 AM

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting - November 12 2024

Halloween Spooktacular - October 25 2024