



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 - 9:00 am
Hybrid - DHBIA Office 104 - 20 Hughson St S and virtual

MINUTES

Present: Jason Morse (Chair), Lisa LaRocca, Ryan Moran, Graziella Panessa, Mark Wu, Stefanie Bonazza, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, Melanie Lawton, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth

Regrets: Evan Apostol, Andrew Mantecon, Michelle Blanchard, A/Sgt. Kenneth Kaija, Una Gibbons, Francis Zanetti

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 L. LaRocca, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION:** That the minutes of March 25, 2025 be approved as presented. **Moved by S. Bonazza, Seconded by L. LaRocca CARRIED**
5. City of Hamilton Update - Councillor Cameron Kroetsch began by providing the BIA Board of Management with information relevant to the downtown core, including an update on Gore Park Outreach moving to their new location, the next steps regarding a possible road closure in Gore Park and the status of actionable items that the Downtown Hamilton BIA had previously shared with the City of Hamilton. He then spent some time answering questions from the board of management regarding cleanliness within the downtown core, including sharing that business owners should direct complaints regarding garbage left behind from encampments to the encampment response team and that there are plans to establish a downtown subcommittee, which will help address cleanliness within the area.
- ~~6. Hamilton Police Services Update – A/Sgt. Kenneth Kaija~~
7. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials of February 2025 be approved as presented. **Moved by R. Moran, Seconded by L. LaRocca**
8. Discussion Items
 - a. Events Subcommittee Minutes (*Appendix 1*)
 - b. Governance / Advocacy Subcommittee Minutes (*Appendix 2*)
MOTION: That the minutes of the Events Subcommittee and Governance / Advocacy Subcommittee be approved as presented. **Moved by S. Bonazza, Seconded by G. Panessa CARRIED**
9. Other Items

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.

- a. BIA Staff Update - March (*Appendix 3*) – Executive Director Emily Walsh spoke about a variety of topics relevant to the downtown core, including the Downtown Hamilton Office Conversion Grant Program. Changes to the Temporary Patio Program and events in which the BIA participated.
- b. BIA Staff Update - April (*Appendix 4*) – Executive Director Emily Walsh spoke about a variety of topics relevant to the downtown core, including the confirmation of a Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidy for 2025, the 10 Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, demolition orders for two buildings within the downtown core, plans for the BIA’s summer programming, a sponsorship request, closure of the Consumption and Treatment Services site within the Downtown Hamilton BIA’s boundary and more.

MOTION: That the updates and recommendations within be approved as presented. **Moved by L. LaRocca, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**

10. Adjournment: 9:55 A.M.

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting

- May 27, 2025