



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 9:00 am
Hybrid - DHBIA Office 104 - 20 Hughson St S and virtual

MINUTES

Present: Evan Apostol (Chair), Jason Morse, Michelle Blanchard, Una Gibbons, Ryan Moran, A/Sgt. Kenneth Kaija, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, Melanie Lawton, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth

Regrets: Andrew Mantecon, Graziella Panessa, Mark Wu, Stefanie Bonazza, Lisa LaRocca, Francis Zanetti

1. Welcome and comments from the Chair – Evan welcomed everyone

A quorum was not present. As a result, the 3 agenda items, City of Hamilton Update, Hamilton Police Services Update and BIA Staff Update, were shared for information only. No formal decisions were made or motions carried on any of the additional agenda items.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
3. Agenda - **MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION:** That the minutes of April 22, 2025 be approved as presented.
5. City of Hamilton Update - Councillor Cameron Kroetsch updated the board of management on a variety of topics relevant to the downtown core, including the creation of a new Hess Village Business Improvement Area and the general interest of other locations within downtown to form their own, an update on Gore Park Outreach and their intention to move locations, and future plans to update Gore Park.
6. Hamilton Police Services Update - A/Sgt. Kenneth Kaija shared crime statistics for the months of April and May with the board of management and indicated that this data also includes incidents in Jackson Square, which is not included within the Downtown Hamilton BIA's boundary. He then spoke with the board of management about how these statistics are gathered, and indicated that he could provide annual trends to better contextualize this data, in addition to more data about the core patrol, at the next board meeting.
7. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials of March 2025 be approved as presented.
8. Other Items
 - a. BIA Staff Update (*Appendix 1*) – Executive Director Emily Walsh spoke about a variety of topics relevant to the downtown core, including approved funding through the City Enrichment Fund, the newly issued LRT requests for proposal, a meeting with senior leadership regarding key issues within the downtown core, an update regarding King William Street and more.

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.

9. Adjournment: 9:35 AM

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting - June 24, 2025

June Park Crawl - June 13, 2025

Open Streets - June 22, 2025