



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

MINUTES

Downtown Hamilton BIA 2024 Annual General Meeting **November 14, 2024 - 6:00 pm**

Call to order - 6:02 pm

1. Welcome, Remarks and Confirmation of Calling of Meeting – Evan Apostol, Chair welcomed everyone to the BIA's Annual General Meeting.

He requested confirmation from Emily Walsh, Executive Director of the BIA that the meeting notice for this meeting was sent out in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws to all property owners and businesses within our area in the prescribed timetable to ensure compliance. This was confirmed.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda by Membership
Motion: That the Agenda for the 2024 Downtown Hamilton BIA Annual General Meeting be adopted. Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED
3. Approval of Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting
Motion: That the Minutes of the 2023 Downtown Hamilton BIA Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. Moved by J. Morse, Seconded by F. Zanetti CARRIED
4. Updates from Community Partners
 - a. ~~Ward 2 Councillor – Cameron Kroetsch~~
 - b. City of Hamilton Economic Development Division
 - i) Judy Lam - Manager, Commercial Districts and Small Business – Judy Lam provided an update regarding the initiatives that the Economic Development Division undertook in 2024 that were relevant to the Downtown Hamilton BIA, including economic development supports and placemaking projects.
 - ii) Cristina Geissler - Business Development and BIA Officer – Cristina Geissler gave an overview of upcoming projects and initiatives that the City of Hamilton is

planning for the remainder of 2024, as well as others that will be returning in 2025.

- c. Hamilton Police Services - Sgt. Cory Gurman – Sgt. Cory Gurman shared some information about the Hamilton Police Services' core patrol, and then provided insight into resources for business owners dealing with problems or unsafe encounters.
 - ~~d. Hamilton Urban Precinct Entertainment Group – Louis Frapporti~~
 - e. Metrolinx - Danielle Bury, Vice President Hamilton LRT – Danielle Bury and Kelly Anderson shared information regarding the newest Metrolinx update, and then answered some questions regarding what to expect as the process develops.
5. 2024 BIA Activity Report – Emily Gilruth, BIA Operations Manager presented highlights from the last year
6. Treasurer's Report
- a. 2023 Audited Financial Statements
Motion: That the 2023 Downtown Hamilton BIA audited financial statements be received. **Moved by J. Morse, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
 - b. 2025 Budget
Motion: That the 2025 Downtown Hamilton BIA budget be approved. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by U. Gibbons CARRIED**
7. Closing Remarks – Evan Apostol, Chair – Evan thanked everyone for attending and their continued support of the Downtown Hamilton BIA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.