



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - 9:00 am
Hybrid - DHBIA Office 104 - 20 Hughson St S and virtual

MINUTES

Present: Jason Morse (Chair), Andrew Mantecon, Ryan Moran, L. LaRocca, M. Blanchard, S. Bonazza, A/Sgt. Jason Henry, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth, Joseph Simpson

Regrets: Evan Apostol, Graziella Panessa, Una Gibbons, Francis Zanetti, Mark Wu, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

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 R. Moran, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION:** That the minutes of February 24, 2026 be approved as presented. **Moved by S. Bonazza, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
5. City of Hamilton Update - Councillor Cameron Kroetsch was not able to attend the meeting, but sent an update to the board of management in advance. This update included updates about the Downtown Revitalization Strategy, the status of a report on Jackson Street West and MacNab Street South, and a variety of motions set to be presented at council soon.
6. Hamilton Police Services Update - Acting Sergeant Jason Henry shared crime statistics for the downtown core, with a comparison over multiple years to reflect how the trends are moving. He then shared details about the police's response to patrolling the downtown core, and discussed a specific location that the board of management flagged as an area requiring more support.
7. Other Items - BIA Staff Update for March 2026 (Appendix 1) – Executive Director Emily Walsh shared a variety of updates relevant to the downtown core, including updates about the ongoing difficulties at the Jackson and MacNab area, the city's response to the rat infestation in Gore Park, a proposed new event and activation support and more. The board of management then discussed motions that they would like to bring to council, and expressed interest in creating a living document where proposed motions could be added as wanted.
8. Adjournment: 9:28 AM

Dates to Note:

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.

Next Board Meeting - April 28, 2026