



HAMILTON BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, May 26, 2026 - 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, Una Gibbons, Mark Wu, A/Sgt. Jason Henry, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth, Joseph Simpson

Regrets: Stefanie Bonazza, Graziella Panessa, 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 M. Blanchard, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION:** That the minutes of March 24, 2026 be approved as presented. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**
5. ~~City of Hamilton Update – Councillor Cameron Kroetsch~~
6. Hamilton Police Services Update - Acting Sergeant Jason Henry gave the board of management updates about crime statistics for 2026, and acknowledged that a majority of those numbers stemmed from Jackson Square mall, which is not located within the Downtown Hamilton BIA’s boundary. He then indicated some areas where the police are focusing patrol efforts, before ending by answering questions from the board of management about the response to open drug use.
7. Financials - **MOTION:** That the financials of January, February, March, and April 2026 be approved as presented. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by L. LaRocca CARRIED**
8. Audited Financial Statements - **MOTION:** That the Audited Financial Statement for FYE 2025 be approved as presented. **Moved by U. Gibbons, Seconded by J. Morse CARRIED**
9. Other Items
 - a. BIA Staff Update for April 2026 (Appendix 1) – Emily Walsh briefly discussed updates from the previous April board meeting, including the 10-Year Downtown Hamilton Revitalization Strategy, King William Pedestrianization program and more.
 - b. BIA Staff Update for May 2026 (Appendix 2) – Emily Walsh shared updates relevant to the board of management for the month of May, including the Vacancy Support Grant, the Employment Inventory Survey, new Events Coordinator role and more. The board of management was then asked whether they

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Vision: A vital and prosperous downtown that is the focal point of Hamilton.

wanted to approve a sponsorship for Supercrawl again in 2026, and after discussion, agreed that they would.

10. Adjournment – 9:45 AM

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting - June 23, 2026