



HAMILTON BUSINESS  
IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management  
Tuesday, June 23, 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, Stefanie Bonazza, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth, Joseph Simpson

Regrets: Graziella Panessa, Francis Zanetti, Councillor Cameron Kroetsch, A/Sgt. Jason Henry

1. Welcome and comments from the Chair – Jason welcomed everyone.
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest – L. La Rocca indicated a conflict of interest regarding a sponsorship request for Supercrawl
3. Agenda - **MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as presented. **Moved by U. Gibbons, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION:** That the minutes of May 26, 2026 be approved as presented. **Moved by S. Bonazza, Seconded by A. Mantecon CARRIED**
5. ~~City of Hamilton Update – Councillor Cameron Kroetsch~~
6. ~~Hamilton Police Services Update – Acting Sergeant Jason Henry~~
7. Discussion - Grant and Reserve Funding for Special Projects (Appendix 1) – Executive Director E. Walsh presented the board of management with a summary of the current grants and reserve funds available to the Downtown Hamilton BIA, and then prompted discussions about how the board would like to proceed with using these funds. After discussion, the board of management decided to pursue multiple avenues for decreasing commercial vacancy, increasing holiday beautification along King Street and to examine what equipment would benefit BIA staff for daily operations.
8. Other Items - BIA Staff Update for June 2026 (Appendix 2) – E. Walsh shared a variety of updates relevant to the downtown core, including proposed updates to the City of Hamilton’s Commercial Districts Community Improvement Plan and Downtown Subcommittee, the recently filled events subcommittee role, two sponsorship requests and more.
9. Adjournment – 10:12 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 - September 22, 2026