HAMILTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

Board of Management
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 9:00 am
Hybrid - DHBIA Office 104 - 20 Hughson St S and virtual

MINUTES

Present: Evan Apostol (Chair), Jason Morse, Andrew Mantecon, Michelle Blanchard, Lisa LaRocca, Ryan Moran, A/Sgt. Jason Henry, Cristina Geissler, Louis Frapporti, Emily Walsh, Emily Gilruth, Joseph Simpson, Steff Bishop

Regrets: Una Gibbons, Mark Wu, Francis Zanetti, Graziella Panessa, Stefanie Bonazza, 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 J. Morse, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION**: That the minutes of September 22, 2026 be approved as presented. **Moved by A. Mantecon, Seconded by M. Blanchard CARRIED**

5. Hamilton Police Services Update - Acting Sergeant Jason Henry shared information about the Hamilton Police Service's ongoing initiatives and statistics about police response. He shared that there has been an increased focus on core officers visiting local businesses, and then concluded by discussing more details about the Jackson Square substation.

6. Discussion – Proposed BIA Boundary Expansion - Louis Frapporti and Cristina Geissler – Cristina Geissler began by sharing more information about the formal process of expanding a BIA boundary, stressing the importance of community engagement and highlighting the expected timeframe. Louis Frapporti then took over to share more information about the entertainment district's interest in joining the BIA, and how this new partnership could benefit all invested parties. Both then took questions from the board of directors about the process and provided more details.
    a. **MOTION:** That the Board support exploring the proposed boundary expansion in principle, and establish a steering committee to lead that work. **Moved by A. Mantecon, Seconded by R. Moran CARRIED**

7. 2027 Proposed Budget and Levy – **MOTION**: That the Board approve the 2027 proposed budget and a levy of $475,000, for presentation to the membership and submission to City Council. **Moved by M. Blanchard, Seconded by J. Morse CARRIED**

8. Other Items - BIA Staff Update for October 2026

9. Adjournment – 10:13 AM

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.

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting - November 24, 2026
Halloween Spooktacular - October 30, 2026
Hamilton Day(s) - October 29 - November 1, 2026