



Board of Management
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
9:00 am
Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Evan Apostol (Chair), Stefanie Bonazza, Paul Demarco, Una Gibbons, Lisa La Rocca, Andrew Mantecon, Jason Morse, Mark Wu, Francis Zanetti, Councillor Jason Farr, A/Sgt. Asim Butt (HPS) Kerry Jarvi, Suzi Ozer, Emily Walsh

Regrets: Rae-Ann Roberts

1. Welcome and comments from the Chair – Evan Apostol
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest - none
3. Agenda – MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented. **Moved by P. Demarco, Seconded by J. Morse CARRIED**
4. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION:** That the minutes of March 9, 2021 be approved as presented. **Moved by L. LaRocca, Seconded by S. Bonazza CARRIED**
5. City of Hamilton Update – Councillor Farr
Hunter and Catharine slated for redevelopment.
6. Hamilton Police Services Update – A/Sgt. Asim Butt
In February – 1 commercial B & E, 3 thefts from auto, 1 robbery, 2 mischief (glass breakage). Initiating Lock it or lose it initiative. A/Sgt. Butt has requested increased foot patrol in our BIA area. There are still ACTION teams that go across city working 8 am to 3am.
7. Guest Speaker – Catherine Plosz, R.P.P., M.Sc., Natural Heritage Planner, Development Planning, Heritage and Design (Rural Team) – Highlighted the process and results of the Urban Forestry Strategy. More information can be found: <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-initiatives/strategies-actions/urban-forest-strategy>. The Downtown Hamilton BIA will continue to work with the city on canopy cover in our BIA area and implement goals to increase canopy cover.
8. Updates: Task Force Meetings – Advertising campaigns have been booked to run between May and September on blogTO and Toronto Life. Campaigns will highlight Win Free Rent campaign and benefits of working downtown Hamilton.
9. Financials – **MOTION:** That the financials for February 2021 be approved as presented. **Moved by A. Mantecon, Seconded by L. La Rocca CARRIED**

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.

10. Adjournment

Dates to Note:

Next Board Meeting – May 11, 9am via Zoom