



**MINUTES**  
2021 Annual General Meeting  
November 9, 2021  
Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Call to order – 9:06am

1. Welcome, Remarks and Confirmation of Calling of Meeting – Evan Apostol, Chair welcomed everyone to the BIA’s Annual General Meeting.

He requested confirmation from Kerry Jarvi, Executive Director of the BIA that the meeting notice for this meeting was sent out in accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws to all property owners and businesses within our area in the prescribed timetable to ensure compliance. This was confirmed.

Mr. Apostol highlighted successful special events and beautification projects done in 2021 and how the Downtown Hamilton BIA has assisted their members during COVID.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda by Membership  
**Motion: That the Agenda for the 2021 Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area Annual General Meeting be adopted. Moved by J. Morse, Seconded by S. Bonazza CARRIED**
3. Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting  
**Motion: That the minutes of the 2020 Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated. Moved by M. Wu, Seconded by L. LaRocca CARRIED**
4. Remarks from Councillor Jason Farr – Complimented Downtown Hamilton BIA staff and board on initiatives done over the past year. Appreciate support of BIA as we work with partners to address crime. Focus on keeping business strong and attracting more investment and businesses downtown.
5. Hamilton Police Services Update, A/Sgt. Asim Butt – The pandemic has affected the year over year crime trends, last year was lowest in five years. HPS programs this year include ‘Lock it or Lose it’, bike program, parcel theft, TORQUE (modified vehicles). Special attention has been paid to increased vagrancy. Utilizing more Social Navigator officers.
6. Treasurer’s Report- Mr. Zanetti, Treasurer went over the audited 2020 financial statements from KPMG the city auditors:  
**Motion: That the 2020 audited financial statements be received. Moved by J. Morse Seconded by S. Saljooki CARRIED**  
Mr. Zanetti reviewed the proposed budget for 2022.  
**Motion: That the Downtown BIA budget for 2022 be approved as presented. Moved by U. Gibbons Seconded by D. Grobelny CARRIED**
7. 2020 Recap, Suzi Ozer, Operations Manager
8. Closing Remarks –Mr. Apostol thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.