

OTTAWA STREET B.I.A. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 9, 2014
204 OTTAWA STREET NORTH 8:00 A.M.
MINUTES

In Attendance:

P. Hayes	A. Jackman	E. Proietti	K. O'Brien
T. Cabral	W. Kemp	E. Grad	W. Fletcher
M. Barnes	A. Becker	J. DeNardi	N. Leo

Regrets: J. Newman

1. Welcome and Introductions

J. DeNardi welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. There was a round table introduction

2. Minutes from June Meeting

Motion by T. Cabral to approve the minutes of the June meeting.

2nd: A. Becker

Carried

3. Treasurer's Report

N. Leo reported that the City of Hamilton has supplied an audit review. Ottawa Street BIA scored highest on the report. We do a great job with the audit. Congratulations and thanks to J. Newman for his efforts.

4. BIA Advisory Committee Update

Service Level Document

This issue of equity amongst city services for BIA's is ongoing. There is a full report due back to the committee in January.

Eileen Maloney retiring

Eileen announced her retirement before the end of the year.

Cobalt Connects – Expressing Vibrancy project

J. Frieberger reported on the results of their project.

ACTION: P. HAYES TO INVITE J. FRIEBERGER TO A BOARD MEETING.

Jason Thorne

J. attended the meeting. He is the new Manager of Economic Development. He introduced himself to the group.

Litter Containers

P. Wobschall and other city staff presented the concept of new city-wide litter containers. There was a great deal of discussion and many questions. There was concern about the BIA's abilities to select their own containers. There will be a report back on that issue in the months ahead.

SBEC

The Small Business Enterprise Centre presented some new programs and handed out brochures for the BIA's to have in their offices.

5. Associative Partnership Application and Expansion Discussion

P. Hayes reported that the Crow's Nest Barber Shop has asked to be a part of the BIA. There was a discussion around boundary changes.

ACTION: P HAYES TO EXPLORE THE IDEA OF CHANGING BOUNDARIES WITH SPECIFIC BUSINESSES AND REPORT BACK

MOTION BY A. BECKER TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF BOUNDARY CHANGES TO THE BIA.

2ND: J. DENARDI

6. Committee Updates

Events

N. Leo reminded the Board that the Street Sale is September 27. There is a limit of 2 tables per business. There are 5 food trucks scheduled to attend. The advertising has gone out in the Hamilton Spectator, CHCH and the Niagara Papers.

Marketing

T. Cabral reported that at this time, there are 4 more segments booked with CH Morning Live until the end of the year. 1 for Thanksgiving and a plug for Street Sale, 1 for Halloween, 1 for fall décor and 1 for Christmas.

Beautification

W. Kemp reported that the hanging basket contract is for 16 weeks. It was requested that the baskets stay up until after the Street Sale.

ACTION; W. KEMP TO REACH OUT TO MALLORD FARMS TO CONFIRM THE BASKETS WILL STAY UP.

Wendy also announced there will be a beautification committee meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Pan Am

P. Hayes reported that the details of the Pan Am Games are coming to light. There are a few more meetings in the next few weeks. We have received our event designation and grant money.

7. Free Christmas Parking Update

P. Hayes reported that our changes to the Free Parking Christmas Program have been passed at Council. We will now offer Free Parking from November 24 – December 24.

ACTION: P HAYES TO COMMUNICATE THIS CHANGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

8. Draft Budget Discussions

J. DeNardi indicated that the draft budget for 2015 would be reviewed and discussed at the October meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2014