

MINUTES

The Waterfront District BIA

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

INVITED: Jim Comuzzi, Chair

Maelyn Hurley, Vice Chair Sue Bragg, Director Lora Northway, Director

Suzan Cooper-Rochon, Director

Peter White, Director Jennifer Dagsvik, Director Andrew Foulds, Councilor Lynn Gray, BIA Bookkeeper Kara Pratt, Recording Secretary

TENTATIVE:

REGRETS: Brian Hamilton, Councilor

GUEST: Paul Moralee – Thunder Bay Yacht Club

Ryan Moore - CEDC

LOCATION/TIME: Gateway Casino – Meeting Room -- 5:30 pm

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Meeting Call to Order and Disclosures of Interest	
2.0	Approval of Agenda	O a mai a al
	Motion: 2019-28	Carried
	Moved by: J. Dagsvik Seconded by: S. Cooper-Rochon	
3.0	Presentations	
	Paul Morralee – Thunder Bay Yacht Club	
	10 Minute Presentation - 10 Minute Question/Discussion	
	Presentation on how removed Thunder Bay and the Waterfront District actually	
	are from Lake Superior Waterfront – Start of discussion to what we can do to	
	remove barriers.	
	Port Authority	
	2. Parks and Rec	
	3. CNR/CP Track	
	4. CoTB Business	
	Ryan Moore – CEDC – briefly discussed the role of the CEDC in bringing the	
	businesses of Prince Arthur's Landing and the BIA together.	

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4.0	Approval of Minutes – April, 9, 2019 – sent electronically Motion: 2019-29 Moved by: M. Hurley Seconded by: L. Northway	Carried
5.0	Business Arising from Past Minutes	
5.1	New Business Kory Morabito has applied to be on the Board of Management – Application to the CoTB will go before council June 3, 2019	
	Motion: 2019-30 Approved K. Morabito to be on the Waterfront District BIA Board of Management – 9-1 vote to approve. Moved by: S. Cooper-Rochon Seconded by: L. Northway	Carried
	A Foulds brought up initiative with eco Superior – The following was sent to the Climate Action Fund Review Committee on behalf of the Waterfront District BIA – signed by J. Comuzzi:	
	May 10, 2019	
	To the Climate Action Fund Review Committee: Please accept this letter in support of Green Communities Canada's proposed "Engaging Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) in Participatory Climate Action Planning" project. BIAs play a key role in building diverse, safe and economically prosperous cities. This initiative will help our business community to envision how they can also contribute to reducing impacts of climate change and creating more sustainable cities.	
	The Waterfront District BIA in Thunder Bay, Ontario consists of more than 130 members encompassing a wide range of businesses - from restaurants and bars to specialty shops and everything in between. Our members represent the growth and revitalization of the north core of Thunder Bay. The purpose of the Waterfront District BIA is to facilitate a vibrant, mixed-use downtown area where people collectively gather to enjoy a variety of businesses, shopping, entertainment and recreational activities in a safe, beautiful environment. We see the value in collaboration between environmental organizations, public health units, municipal planning, and business owners to ensure that our	

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	neighbourhood is sustainable and resilient in the face of a changing climate.	
	For this project, the Waterfront District BIA would be working directly with EcoSuperior Environmental Programs in Thunder Bay to envision and make commitments to climate action. We have worked previously with EcoSuperior on successful programs related to litter prevention, neighbourhood beautification and developing community connections. EcoSuperior has an excellent track record of engaging people towards a common goal and we would welcome the opportunity to work together again in participatory climate action planning with our membership.	
	Sincerely, Jim Comuzzi	
	Board Chair, The Waterfront District BIA	
6.0	Reports	
6.1	Chair's Report – Jim	
	 Seagull Management Program – All Documents signed – in progress Trees (on hold) Promotional Banners (on hold) Street Ambassadors Program 	Info
6.2	Finance Committee	
	Financial Report for month ending (Lynn) a. Request to have the Ribfest account closed – Since meeting J. Comuzzi & M. Hurley have signed a letter and J. Comuzzi visited Scotiabank to close the Ribfest account.	Information Action
	b. Follow up with Associate Members for payment i. Bliss ii. Lot 66	Action
	 c. Firedog – Following up regarding double payment for Pattison Advertisement – Payment to both Firedog & Pattison 	
	2. Funding	
	a. Requests for Sponsorships	
	BluesFest – Trevor Hurting i. \$1,500 Cash – Friend Level Sponsorship (benefits of Bronze Level – wants to continue strong partnership) ii. No Request for RIA Busks.	
	 ii. No Request for BIA Bucks A. Foulds – you're going to have 15,000 people coming to the downtown area – currently have a good relationship/ we are 	

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	good corporate citizens. People will come regardless but this presents goodwill.	
	Motion: 2019-31 Approve Sponsorship of \$1,500 in Cash Moved by: A. Foulds Seconded by: P. White	Carried
6.3	Infrastructure/Beautification Committee – Suzan	
	 Beautification Walkability Street Signs – (on hold) Building Plaques – Heritage Standards to be reviewed (on hold) Façade Improvement (on hold) Planters & Flowers (2019) Cost of both (as is): \$11,294.35 Bill Martins (8 Additional planters, 21 planted, storage for 21, additional storage of 22) = \$6,683.95 Creekside (24 custom planters) = \$4,610.40 Without the 8 additional planters: \$7,395.85 (Cathy would like a proposal of what to do, she ordered them in good faith without an upfront payment) Bill Martins (13 planted, storage for 13) = \$2,785.45 Creekside (24 custom planters) = \$4,610.40 Without storage of the additional 22 (Bill Martin's): \$10,424.25 Bill Martins (8 Additional planters, 21 planted, storage for 21) = \$5,183.85 Creekside (24 custom planters) = \$4,610.40 	
	Motion: 2019-32 Motion to get planters from both nurseries' plus additional planters. Approval of up to \$11,294.35 Moved by: S. Cooper-Rochon Seconded by: S. Bragg	Carried
6.4	Governance Committee – Peter	
	 Constitution/Operating Procedures – Move forward with special meeting with Membership for adoption. May 28th, 2019 	
	Approval of invite for the meeting – • Include discussion on top 3 priorities?	
	 Review of Strategic Plan City Insurance includes BIA – No, the BIA is not covered Policies, Procedures & Guidelines – OBIAA – Binder Picked up & ready for review - Kara Procurement/Purchasing Personnel 	

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	 c. Land ownership d. Documents – retention policy e. Social Media f. Associate Members Policy and Fees g. Health and Safety Policy – draft complete h. Board Members (& Staff) of Conduct – draft complete a. A. Foulds suggests adopting the CoTB code of conduct – look at subject to & look at to adopt JUNE i. Sponsorships/Donations Guidelines and request form – posted on website – to be sent to the City at a later date 	Discussion
6.5	 Marketing & Promotion Committee – Lora Social Media Digital Billboard Photographer Update Facebook group – Businesses Media Plan/Cost Website Addition of Real Estate section Updates Sharing member promotions through Facebook and Instagram (ongoing) 	
6.6	 New Members Welcome Letters (Kara) – Ongoing Website Business Directory updates – Ongoing a. – Pls inform of any out of date information Associate Members Package (Kara)	

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6.7	Special Events Committee - Maelyn	
	Summer event?	
	1. Derelicte 2. Urban Infill?	
	3. St. Patricks Day (Shows)	
	4. Spring Craft Revival 5. Ribfest Discussion	
	6. Lost & Found Festival?	
	7. The Hunger? 8. Holiday Craft Revival – November 24 th , 2019	
	a. Artisan Applications open end of Aug	
	Christmas Window Display (Window Wonderland)	
	Brainstorm how we can help to spread the word or support these events happening in our BIA - others we are already support through \$\$ or BIA bucks	
6.8	Safety & Security – Peter & Sue	
	Bruce McCloud – Gate/Fence between CIBC & Barbecupid	
	a. See attached drawings and text string (jpeg)	
	b. Kara to respond with letter – suggestions from Brennan –	
	Summer Student 2. Sue sitting on Crime Prevention Council	
	3. Safe & Inclusive Strategy from Downtown Yonge	
	4. Belleville Police Survey	
6.9	Parking Authority Board Update - Kara	
	1. Meeting May 14, 2019 11am-12pm	
6.10	Administration	
	Board Meeting Schedule	
	• June 4, 2019	
	July 9, 2019 (moved from July 2, 2019)August 6, 2019	
	• September 3, 2019	
	• October 1, 2019	
	• November 5, 2019	
	AGM – November 14, 2019December 3, 2019	
	2. Guidelines to be created for:	
	Guests & Presentations	

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	Committee Meetings & Reports at Board Meetings	
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8.0	Correspondence – n/a	
9.0	Membership meeting – May 28, 2019 5:30pm - Location TBD Next Meeting – June 4, 2019 5:30 pm – Location TBD	
10.0	Adjournment - 7:45pm	