

Tuesday, June 20, 2017
9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
76 Main Street North

PRESENT MEMBERS:

Grettel Comas, Herman Custodio, Rick Evans, Peeyush Gupta, Zeeshan Majid, Jonathan Pereira, Fernando Russo, Kristina Romasco, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Moore

REGRETS:

Councillor Medeiros,

CITY REPRESENTATIVE:

Bob Darling

GUESTS:

David Bouchard, John Cutrozolla, Abigail Feige, Dave Kapil, Evie O'Malley, Irene Ongaro, Anthony Wong

STAFF:

Suzy Godefroy, Bobby Karmakar

1. **Call to Order (8:00 a.m.):** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Positive.
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** K. Romasco would like to add the sign by-law.
4. **Approval of Agenda:**
MOTION
THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors agenda for Tuesday June 20, 2017 be approved with the above addition.
Moved by: Kristina Romasco
Seconded by: Councillor Bowman
All in favour
CARRIED
5. **Conflict of Interests:** There were no declared conflicts of interests.

6. Approval of Past Minutes

- Minutes for previous board meeting, May 9, 2017.

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors approve the minutes for May 9, 2017.

Moved by: Rick Evans

Seconded by: Kristina Romasco

All in favour

CARRIED

- Minutes for Special Conference Call, June 13, 2017

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors approve the minutes for Special Conference Call on June 13, 2017.

Moved by: Councillor Bowman

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

- Minutes for Annual General Meeting, May 17, 2017

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors receive the minutes for the 2017 Annual General Meeting on May 17, 2017.

Moved by: Councillor Moore

Seconded by: Rick Evans

7. Financials (9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.)

- Z. Majid confirmed that the 2016 audited financial statements are officially completed.
- Budgeted to Actuals were up to April 30 and an extra column was added to show prior year to date actuals from budgeted.
 - Note to tweak the columns to have the actuals on the far right (last column) to make it simpler to read.
- Starting to work on the budget for 2018 and an outline will be present for the next meeting with budget workshops that will be open to the membership.

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors receive the Financials as presented.

Moved by: Rick Evans

Seconded by: Herman Custodio

All in favour

CARRIED

8. Downtown Streetscaping Update for the BIA re: Committee of Council Report – May 31, 2017 (9:20 – 9:30 a.m.)

- Previous board meeting mentioned that the presentation of recommendations would be presented at the AGM.
- The formal presentation to Council was on May 31 and is a very exciting project for the downtown core.
- The BIA and local public can build on the work from the past and also a more accessible walkable and pedestrian friendly downtown.
- R. Evans details the letter that was passed around.
- Discussion arose on some concerns included commercial delivery and pick-up, resulting in utilization of the laneways
- Diplock Lane was mentioned as an alternative for additional parking as the total loss of parking is only 5%.
- The overall project will be a 2-year construction project, first with the essential water main replacement, and then the streetscaping. The next step would be to then hire a consultant.
- R. Evans mentions that the budget is \$25 million as detailed in the Committee of Council proposal, however, is tentative as it has not been passed yet.
- Discussion arose on who is in downtown and those that are simply passing by, resulting in those passing by being the biggest majority are not customers of downtown.
- B. Darling presents a rendering of the planned recommendation and mentions the need of bike lanes to connect the downtown.
- H. Custodio recommends having a pilot program.
- S. Godefroy will be writing a letter back to B. Darling and will be sent ASAP and will bring the board up to date.
- All suggestions should go to Council as there will be one meeting before the summer, however, Councillor Moore mentions that there was a motion to have a meeting tentatively scheduled for August 9, 2017

N.B. Councillor Bowman and Z. Majid leave at 9:54 a.m.

N.B. D. Bouchard leaves at 9:55 a.m.

N.B. A. Feige arrives at 9:55 a.m.

N.B. J. Cutrozolla leaves at 9:58 a.m.

- Councillor Gibson discusses the petition from a group of downtown Brampton business members against the removal of on street parking.
- I. Ongaro presents pictures of the sidewalk outside her store throughout the day, displaying them to be empty. She mentions that they were not informed and the original survey that was distributed did not contain the topic of parking.
- Councillor Gibson responds that there needs to be a compromise with the businesses, the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel.

N.B. J. Pereira leaves at 10:08 a.m.

- S. Godefroy asks if the board would like to take a position?

- All board members are concerned on growth.
- K. Romasco requests to extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors extend the meeting for 15 minutes.

Moved by: Kristina Romasco

Seconded by: Peeyush Gupta

All in favour

CARRIED

9. Strategic Planning (9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.)

This item was deferred to the next meeting due to time constraints.

10. Sign By-Law Addition

- By-law officers were around the downtown core during this past weekend.
- The Display of Wares program states that A-frame's are not permitted.
- Discussion arose on whether the BIA can have a blanket permit, and a special by-law for the BIA or a pilot project for a blanket permit.
 - Pilot program for an encroachment program.
- Councillor Gibson mentions that this initiative has been done before.
- K. Romasco asks to just have allow A-Frames to be added to the Display of Wares Program, while G. Comas also mentions that in other areas many do not need permits.

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors request a pilot encroachment program as part of the display of wares program.

Moved by: Kristina Romasco

Seconded by: Rick Evans

All in favour

CARRIED

11. Queen Street West Pop-Up Market

- DBBIA reached out to Traffic with regards to the idea of closing one lane on Queen Street, and/or should the BIA want to reserve all parking spaces on Queen Street south from Main to George Street.
- Need to start small to determine critical mass of retailers to set-up on Queen Street.

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors meet with Bob Darling to see if this initiative is doable.

Moved by: Kristina Romasco

Seconded by: Rick Evans

All in favour

CARRIED

12. Executive Director's Report

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

13. Board Vacancy

- Councillor Moore suggested having David Harmsworth and nominates him, while R. Evans seconds.
 - K. Romasco would like to discuss before nominating.
- F. Russo was unaware of the vacancy and also agrees that this needs to be discussed.
- Councillor Gibson suggests sending out a letter for a call for nomination. A process needs to be established first.
- K. Romasco suggests decreasing the board, however, requires a fulsome conversation first.

14. Committee Reports

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

15. Council Updates

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

17. Motion to Adjourn Meeting

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA Board of Directors meeting be adjourned.

Moved by: Kristina Romasco

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

All in favour

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.