

<b>Meeting: Downtown Brampton BIA Safety August 8, 2019</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, August 8, 2019	<b>Time:</b> 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
<b>Location:</b>	76 Main Street North, Brampton ON, L6V 1N7	
<b>PRESENT MEMBERS:</b>	Grettel Comas, Herman Custodio Rick Evans, Fabio Gazzola, Peeyush Gupta, David Harmsworth, Dave Kapil, Evie O'Malley, Garry Mathone, Carrie Percival, Amavel Rodrigues, Kristina Romasco, Adam Valenti, Don Wilson, Superintendent McKenna, Staff Sergeant Shah, Officer Moses, Inspector Saliba, Officer Wyatt	
<b>STAFF:</b>	Suzy Godefroy, Teagan Pecoskie-Schweir	
<b>CITY REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	Councillor Williams, Frances Bradshaw, Gary Collins	
<b>Item:</b>	<b>Notes/Minutes:</b>	<b>Actions:</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabio Gazzola – Union Hall – John Street</li> <li>• Grettel Comas- Baci Gifts</li> <li>• Evie O'Malley - Restyle Beauty Boutique</li> <li>• Herman Custodio- Custodio's Studio Inc.</li> <li>• Adam Valenti- Pawn Kings, Wendel Clarks, Blow Dry House, Juice &amp; Rocco's Pizzeria</li> <li>• Amavel Rodrigues- Juice &amp; Rocco's Pizzeria</li> <li>• Kristina Romasco- Dolcezza Custom Cakes</li> <li>• Dave Kapil- New Brampton – property owner in downtown Brampton</li> <li>• Frances Bradshaw – City of Brampton</li> <li>• Gary Collins – City of Brampton</li> <li>• Don Wilson- Nu way Personnel- property owner in downtown Brampton</li> <li>• Garry Mathone- Nu Way Personnel</li> <li>• Carrie Percival – Brampton Academy of Martial Arts</li> <li>• Peeyush Gupta- The Wee Smoke Shop</li> <li>• David Harmsworth – Harmsworth décor</li> <li>• Rick Evans- CCV insurance</li> <li>• Plans are in placed by the PRP – need to be patient</li> <li>• Councillor Charmaine Williams- City of Brampton</li> </ul>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Discussion of recent issues and events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last five weeks has been the worst for safety in the downtown, cleaning up needles constantly by 11 &amp; 19 John Street there are two community gardens, summer camps at St. Paul's United Church, there are cameras, and installed more lights at Union Hall</li> <li>• Since the two bars on Nelson Street have closed, the clientele and drug dealers have gone to Harmsworth Lane and John street</li> <li>• Issues with gun pulled at bar- no follow up from police</li> <li>• 10% of individuals from Regeneration cause problems, majority are from other individuals</li> <li>• Issues with drugs and alcohol in the back of the laneways in Garden Square, and Harmsworth Lane</li> <li>• Region of peels don't clean up needles on weekends</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications with the services is all over the map, no one knows who calls</li> <li>• There is increase violence, assaults. Brampton has free food, and housing which brings unwanted crowds downtown</li> <li>• Business owners call 3-1-1 and police, and no one shows up</li> <li>• Staff and businesses are always harassed, there is lots of fear with going to work. Customers do not want to shop downtown</li> <li>• City hall is part of the culprit they have purchased properties, and let weeds grow everywhere. City needs to maintain the area as it is affecting the image of Brampton</li> <li>• CIBC is moving out on August 16<sup>th</sup> due to all the safety concerns</li> <li>• LCBO had to hire own private security</li> </ul>	
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Suggested remedies &amp; solutions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase tenure for police officers, by keeping them in their positions longer than normal ex. Beat and bike pitch for 3 years – officers need to spend the time to get to know business owners, and individuals in the downtown</li> <li>• By spring 2020 want to double size of Beat Patrol</li> <li>• Plans are in placed by the Peel Regional Police, need to be patient</li> <li>• There are a lot of half way houses in the downtown – see what other municipalities have done , relook at the zoning in downtown Brampton for housing</li> <li>• Nuisance by – law deals with complaints from landlords , by-law officers following through with issues</li> <li>• Make sure to tell 3-1-1 you want the councillor to know about your nuisance calls</li> <li>• People with addictions and mental health are suffering and don't want to leave areas familiar to themselves, Councillor Williams is working with Regeneration on strategies for the downtown</li> <li>• Looked at what other downtowns are doing for inclusiveness, beautification,</li> <li>• DBBIA to look into hiring the security. pilot project for a year see how effective that will be with police and City security</li> <li>• Private security will be there to see what's happening and wait for police to arrive, another set of eyes, reporting back to the DBBIA</li> <li>• Work together with putting a proposal to have a space for police downtown</li> <li>• Community watch group, have ambassadors on the street assisting with tourism, mental health, pool all the information</li> <li>• Get reports – crime analysis – assaults, drug charges, mental health arrests, break in and enters, theft → region give you stats on homelessness</li> <li>• Play classical music to get rid of unwanted crowds</li> <li>• Play surveillance on Garden Square screen</li> <li>• Proposals to have cameras in the downtown</li> <li>• Have a police presence at a regular basis to DBBIA safety meetings</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better communication with the businesses and BIA community</li> <li>• Clean &amp; Safety initiatives by BIA address issues to get cleaned up: Needles, weeds, grease, grime, garbage, graffiti</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Beat Patrol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Superintendent Mckenna- Beat Patrol and Bike Patrol are there to develop communications with business owners, individuals in the downtown</li> <li>• There are over 10-20 charges in the downtown core a week, taking the BEAT away from the downtown for periods a time. Sometimes before the officers finish paperwork individual is back out again</li> <li>• There are three teams of two for Beat Patrol in downtown</li> </ul>	