

Meeting: Downtown Brampton BIA Beautification & Safety October 8, 2020		
Date:	Thursday, October 8, 2020	Time: 9:00 a.m. -10:00a.m.
Location:	Zoom Conference Call	
PRESENT MEMBERS:	Kulwant Bangar, Rakesh Bhardwaj, Charlene Borg, Grettel Comas, Rick Evans, Courtney Fraser, Fabio Gazzola, Carmela Marino, Shauna Pemberton, Jason Wiesner, Jessica Woods, Constable Grozier,	
STAFF:	Suzy Godefroy, Teagan Pecoskie-Schweir, Alex Philip	
CITY REPRESENTATIVE:	Paul Aldunate, Frances Bradshaw, Cheryll Case, Razmin Said	
Item:	Notes/Minutes:	Actions:
1.	<p>Safety Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Downtown Brampton BIA made a delegation to the City of Brampton and Region of Peel with regards to Church Street safety concerns received by a number of businesses • Municipal government is two tier, and certain services are under realm of the Region of Peel and not the City of Brampton • The four downtown councillors have been helping the BIA delegate to Regional Council • Delegated at City Council to allocate more resources to Church and Main Street and at the four corners • Police have the trespass to act where officers are able to ticket or charge individuals on businesses properties • BIA appealed to commissioner of human services, asked for new initiatives to be implemented to assist in helping with homelessness, mental health, and addiction • Directed an email to commissioner of human support, addressing unanimous support from Council to allocate resources, and still have not heard anything from the Region of Peel • Look forward to concrete proposals for loitering, and acts that go with that at Church and Main and Diplock and Vivian Lane • There are number of community safety programs launched by City of Guelph and London to handle safety concerns • There are some pilot projects from other BIA's ex. Guelph's Welcoming Streets Initiative • Yonge Street BIA presented at the OBIAA Conference on their Downtown Ambassador Program • Oshawa Welcoming Streets program is funded by the City of Oshawa and other community partners see link: https://downtownoshawa.ca/blog/post/City-of-Oshawa-extends-Welcoming-Streets-Initiative-pilot-project-to-December-2020 • Downtown Action Plan from the City of London, Ontario has several action items related to Brampton safety issues and this plan has been forwarded to the City of Brampton's CAO David Barrick for review. See highlight of action plan here; https://globalnews.ca/news/6096066/city-of-london-core-area-action-plan-downtown/ • 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for community safety going to Council end of the month • The BIA would like to see the proposal for community safety for the downtown core • Church Street neighbours, were able to talk and develop a network to advocate together on these concerns • The businesses on Church Street are exhausted and tired of dealing with garbage, needles, public urination, and feeling intimidated to enter their places of work • Discussion revolved around developing a specific action plan for the City of Brampton, with S. Godefroy, R. Evans, R. Said from the City of Brampton • Staff are scared for when people are doing drugs outside their businesses • Should have security move around the north end and have a port-o-potty in the empty vacant lot across from the 7- Eleven • The challenges on John Street and Harmsworth entailed a lot of drug use in the area, and were able to put more security cameras in the laneway. It was noted that there needs to be more pressure on the Region of Peel to help with these concerns • A lot of the businesses in the area have their own security, cameras, big fence, garbage, • The businesses are tired of putting on brave faces to clean up needles, and condoms etc. • Extension for City security staff to roam the private areas • Need to get a better understanding of who has been or hasn't been talked to with these concerns • F. Bradshaw will keep everyone updated on a regular basis with regards to the safety of downtown • Look at spending less funds on beautification and focus more money on safety and focusing on social distancing • Businesses on Church Street are at a boiling point, they have been struggling for over 10 years • Get more security in these areas will help stop the issues • If anyone in this group has not provided Peel Regional Police with Trespass Authorization please reach out to Constable Grozier at 3677@peelpolice.ca to obtain a form • Homelessness is part of the pandemic, Brampton needs more Outreach workers • BIA to follow up with Frances, Lavina and Razmin at the City of Brampton ASAP 	S. Godefroy
2.	Virtual Reporting Police Station: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not discuss 	
3.	Art & Mural Activations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not discuss 	

4.	Activating the Downtown: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did not discuss	
5.	Downtown Holiday Décor Plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did not discuss	