



Minutes of Monday January 9th 2022

Location: BIA Office - 4 John St Unit 3

Time: 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice-Chair and Chair of the FM sub-committee), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary and Co-Streetscape Chair), Suri Weinberg-Linsky (Co-Streetscape Chair), Omar Warsame (Director), Councillor Nunziata, Ward 5, York South-Weston and Audrey Swartz (Coordinator)

Guests:

Olumide Olatoye (Weston Quick Printers), Tom Costantino (WVRA), Michael Chomentowski (Hypitch), Alana Monopoli (Hypitch)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order with quorum at 6:30 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded. Masum introduced everyone at the meeting.

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Moved By: Omar Warsame **Seconded by:** Peter Kalamaris

Carried 01-09-01

Conflict of Interest - None Declared

Presentation by Tom Costantino, WVRA Chair

Tom went over the WVRA objectives for the year which include; election debates, Canada Day celebration, pumpkin parade, community ice rinks, treat accessibility event, support the BIA events. In 2023 will be bringing back neighbours night out, mid-Humber gap sub-committee, and development sub-committee.

- It was suggested that the WVRA be shared the Streetscape Master Plan, for their public realm conversations. Audrey will send it to Tom.
- It was asked what is being done to engage the people who live in the apartments. WVRA would like to contact the property managers to put information in the buildings. They also put posters on the main street. A poster can be supplied by WVRA and distributed by the BIA for the businesses to provide information to their customers.

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Post-Event Presentation, Hypitch

Michael went over the post-event report to recap about Winterfest. Total funding of 23,600 for sponsorship, 114% increase from 2021. Ice sculptures brought 44% additional sponsorship. Great to use those assets from the Santa Claus parade for Winterfest. There were street performers at RBC, Shoppers and Masonic Lodge, as well as Little Ave Park stage. It was noted that the Mayor's attendance was an important part of the event.

Hypitch proposed a service to rent out and monetize our assets to other BIAs or events. Details like damage prevention would need to be discussed.

Michael and Alana left the meeting.

Motion: To approve the December 2022 Minutes. **Carried 01-09-02**
Moved by: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded by:** Omar Warsame

BIA Chair's Report

Masum provided updates on the following items;

1. Masum welcomed Tom as the new chair of WVRA and the new board members who joined the meeting.
2. We sent a written deputation to the City in support of the Toronto Police budget.
3. Devron had cancelled our meeting with the businesses, along with the WVRA. Wondering if the Councillor knows anything about it.
4. We will be meeting with the strategic planners tomorrow for the kick off meeting.
5. Westhaven development, we don't have any update on the construction.
6. Heard from a tenant she heard a shooting, but the Councillor said there's no reports of one.
7. Masum will be going overseas for two months, and will join the meetings on Zoom.

Motion: To accept the Chair's Report. **Carried 01-09-03**
Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris

Councillor's Report

Councillor Frances Nunziata provided updates on the following items;

1. Police services budget meeting had a lot debutants, a lot of BIAs supported including Downtown Yonge. Budget was passed.

2. Had a meeting with Devron as they felt it was inappropriate to meet the BIA or WVRA before Councillor.
3. Castlepoint purchased a property on the West side and will be submitting an application.
4. Not sure of the status of the grant for Canada Day, will get back if planning to do a joint event. Omar explained it's important to include the Somali business

Tom left the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Suri Weinberg-Linsky presented the Treasurer report, the following comments were made;

1. The payment for Monika was for the interactive selfie sign, we were waiting on her invoice so payment was delayed.
2. Clocktower maintenance was to remove the hanging bar, string lights, and put on snowflakes.
3. FedEx was to ship the Crystal Tree from distributor to the office, Craig was to move from office to street during install.
4. There was further discussion about establishing a cheque requisition procedure once the new board is established.
5. Total on the bottom of the reports are cut off, so Audrey to ensure they're included.
6. Petty cash was closed for 2022, and will be replenished in 2023.
7. \$211 outstanding on the November expenses wasn't carried forward to December because Amazon gave a full refund.

Motion: To accept the updated November Treasurer's Report.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Omar Warsame

Carried 01-09-04

Motion: To accept the December Treasurer Report.

Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Omar Warsame

Carried 01-09-05

Financial Report needed for Farmers Market before moving money between accounts.

Motion: To move all but \$5,000 of Farmers Market bank balance to the General Account.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky

Carried 01-09-0

Motion: To make Peter Kalamaris Treasurer until the new board is approved by Council.

Moved By: Omar Warsame **Seconded By:** Frances Nunziata

Carried 01-09-

Coordinators Report

George and Audrey presented the Farmers Market report, and the following comments were made;

1. 2022 Farmers Market Report can be uploaded to the website, convert the last page with a pie chart with percentages.
2. The Councillor wasn't aware the safety audit was being done in November. It was brought up that many of the suggestions were good, however issues with 1901 lighting will need to be resolved by THC. Other suggestions will need to be explored through grants or future budgets.
3. The board members need to read through the Handbook and provide comments ahead of the next meeting.
4. Need to follow up with Kelly on outstanding issues and questions with gift cards.

Motion: To make Peter Kalamaris a signing officer.

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** Omar Warsame

Carried 01-09-08

BIA Streetscape Report

Proposal for Chess Parkette at 1901 was discussed. The Councillor will review it and see how her office can assist. Omar was worried about maintenance issues, it would be addressed with THC.

There is a bus stop being installed in front of the Pharmasave. The location is going to cause issues, which was discussed with Antonella in 2020/2021. Geno will provide a contact to Audrey.

It was reminded we were not happy with KGK's communication and customer service. Looking into other companies to provide a proposal. If we go with another company, our hanging baskets will need to be delivered to our office.

Tried to cover the planters with decorations as a winter solution.

Rat issue we are waiting on the response from the City.

The Councillor brought up the amount of litter on John St needs to be rectified. It was reminded we do not have a street cleaner contracted now, so the businesses will need to take responsibility.

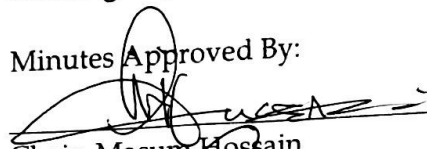
Other Business None

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Meeting Adjournment: Masum Hossain called the meeting to a close at 8:31 PM.

Minutes Approved By:



Chair, Masum Hossain

Date Apr 12 / 23



Secretary/Vice-Chair,

Date FEBRUARY 1 2023