



**Minutes of Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 – Executive Meeting**

**Location:** El Almacen Yerba Mate Café **Time:** 6:30 PM

**In Attendance - in person:** Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Sylvio Rodriguez, Omar Warsame, and Audrey Swartz (Coordinator)

**Regrets:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky , Olumide Olatoye, Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston)

**Guests:** Jonathan Repasch (Jonny Reps Fitness)

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:24 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded. Masum explained there is a mouse issue in the office with a bad smell, so we had the meeting at Sylvio's café. It's been brought to the attention to the landlord.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.

**Moved By:** George Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Omar Warsame **Carried 02-14-01**

Conflict of Interest - None Declared

**Motion:** To approve the January 2024 Meeting Minutes.

**Moved by:** George Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Peter Kalamaris **Carried 02-14-02**

**BIA Chair's Report** 6:45 PM

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made;

1. Romano D'Andrea foundation is asking for a blurb to put on the website in support of a theatre at the Devron site. Previously WVRA asked us for the same. The board discussed their concerns and opinion on the matter. It was concluded to review the updated plans from Devron until releasing any statement. A traffic study should also be done before they decide to close John St as pedestrian.

**Motion:** To e-mail the City planner for an updated revision to the Devron application for us to review, cc the Councillor.

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Omar Warsame **Carried 02-14-03**

2. Board discussed the roundtable on Jan 9<sup>th</sup> and next steps. It seems like the businesses were more interested to discuss safety than a broader vision of the BIA, therefore the BIA will host another meeting to focus on safety, where we can collect signatures to advocate to change, come up with some solutions to propose to the Councillor and encourage attendees to fill out SafeTO survey. Will let Jason know we don't need to schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at this time. Schedule safety meeting on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm - board members to contact at least 10 members, Audrey will contact those who were at the AGM.
3. We received 54 applicants for the Coordinator position; 10 quality candidates were identified for an interview. Send them all an e-mail to confirm they're still interested for an interview by 5pm Friday and circulate the candidates to the full board. Board can suggest any questions to ask during the interview process. Masum, George and Peter shall conduct the interviews; ask Suri and Olu if they want to join since they aren't present.
4. Audrey's name still on the WVRA website despite requesting to remove it. Peter will e-mail to remind them and request the agendas.

**Motion:** To have Peter attend and represent the BIA at WVRA meetings.

**Moved By:** Omar Warsame **Seconded By:** Sylvio Rodriguez

**Carried 02-14-04**

**Motion:** To accept the Chair's Report.

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris

**Carried 02-14-05**

### Councillor's Report

The Councillor was absent so there was no report.

### Treasurer Report 8:15 PM

Peter Kalamaris presented the comments for January and made the following comments;

1. Peter summarized the many e-mails that went between the BIA and ZMA office. Redoing the GL codes delayed the process to adjust for 2022 in the bookkeeping, and they didn't enter Oct-Dec 2023 into quickbooks.
2. Discussed the quotes for other auditors - will continue to try to work with Rafiq and report back to the board.
3. Peter to discuss with ZMA about the T4/T4a issues.
4. Audrey to make new binders for 2024 records.
5. Note for negotiations next year about the landlord losing our cheque and we had so pay for stop payment and to courier out again.
6. Audrey to follow up with performer who hasn't invoiced us for Farmers' Market performance.

7. Issue a receipt for Masum for the garbage tags.

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer Report

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

**Carried 02-14-06**

**Coordinators Report** 8:37 PM

Audrey presented the report, and the following comments and additions were made;

1. Discussed the next steps for benches. Won't go to tender with City until BIA completes the pads. George to work with Audrey to make the scope of work and get a quote to decide if we are moving forward. Send details to George.
2. Main Street Innovation Fund wasn't approved for funding; asked for feedback as to why but haven't received a response yet.
3. Double check if there's any development applications for north of King.

Jonathan left at 8:56 pm.

**Motion:** To purchase City maps of the BIA to use for future projects.

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

**Carried 02-14-07**

4. Discussed the planter edging options. George will look into the price for the sheets, Audrey will find out supplier of the arch edging.

**Motion:** To approve the mural grant application.

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

**Carried 02-14-08**

5. Discussed the sidewalk proposal by the City for Wilby Cres. Mulch enclave behind TTC bus stop was noted to be causing run off during rain. Propose the project includes the redesign of this section. Board preferred option 1 as there was less road narrowing and less softscape with potential to cause maintenance issues.
6. The pole fixture in front of EZ discount had the globe unlatch, and it was reported when relatched that the fixture was loose from the pole. According to the electrical audit, this pole has no power at the base. The board agreed there should be an attempt to tighten the fixture onto the pole if possible, if not then remove it for safety. Ask an electrician to inspect. If we take it down, someone may want to purchase it.

**Motion:** To have lead electric look at the pole

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris

**Carried 02-14-09**

- The proposals for 2024 landscaping were reviewed. It was reminded that our budget was \$30,000 and two proposals, Suregreen and Seasonal Outside, were over budget. The discrepancy between total based on RFP vs total on quote for KGG was too high, despite being told to revise so it was rejected. Between Streetscape Design and JJ Professional; noted difference was that JJ came out to do a walk about and had a lot of follow up questions before sending the proposal. Masum would like to have a sit down meeting with him to discuss the proposal.

**Motion:** To approve JJ landscaping services for 2024 season following a meeting with Masum.

**Moved By:** George Kalamaris    **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris

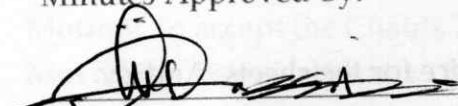
**Carried 02-14-10**

Due to the meeting length, the remaining items in the agenda were deferred. The board scheduled a Zoom meeting for Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

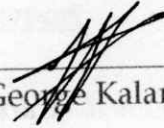
It was noted that the March board meeting will start at 4pm and be held on Zoom to accommodate those who are observing Ramadan.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Masum called the meeting to a close at 9:37 PM.

Minutes Approved By:

  
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Chair, Masum Hossain

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 24  
Date

  
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Vice-Chair, George Kalamaris

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