



Minutes of Wednesday January 10th 2024 – Executive Meeting

Location: BIA Office - 4 John St Unit 3 **Time:** 6:30 PM

In Attendance - in person: Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Omar Warsame, Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston) and Audrey Swartz (Coordinator)

Regrets: Sylvio Rodriguez , Olumide Olatoye

Guests: Jonathan Repasch (Jonny Reps Fitness), Sivahami Vijenthira, (Senior Public Consultation Coordinator, Public Consultation Unit) and Kelsey Carriere (Senior Project Manager, Cycling & Pedestrian Projects)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:34 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

The chair allowed the board and guests to make some brief introductions.

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Carried 01-10-01**

Conflict of Interest - None Declared

Presentation from Weston Cycling Connections 6:38 PM

Board was provided an information package which was gone through. Three year project, phase 1 consultation ended in December and is outside of the BIA in residential area. Phase 2 will have the bicycling infrastructure connected into the BIA boundaries, Phase 3 is going to Trethewey. Phase 1 is going to Council in the spring, and if approved will be installed in summer 2024.

- Infrastructure could be designated bike lanes or “sharrows” – proposed will be painted, not hardscape
- Phase 2 consultation will include multi-use path which is currently grass on Denison
- Concern about the entrance to Cruickshank Park at Church not having a bike slope, only stairs. Mid-humber gap project is also looking into this.

- Although outside of the BIA, there was concern about the speeding and illegal parking on Rosemount where the bike lanes are being connected into BIA at 3 points
- Will follow up on the projected cost on the project; material cost expected to be minimal, install is in-house. Concern about the demand for the bike lanes – studies indicate that ones the infrastructure is there more people will use it. It is for residents of Weston to get around in their community.
- Review a copy of the BIA Masterplan which has some notes about bike lanes on Weston rd.

Motion: To approve the December 2023 Meeting Minutes.

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded by: George Kalamaris

Carried 01-10-02

BIA Chair's Report 7:14 PM

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made;

1. Signed the lease for one year with the office.
2. Sent Castlepoint some information on the cleaner to see if we can get more budget, waiting on response. This question would be good to be directed to Tim Hortons which creates the majority of the garbage.
3. Masum will be going away as of next Monday until February.

Motion: To accept the Chair's Report.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded By: George Kalamaris

Carried 01-10-03

Councillor's Report 7:20 PM

The Councillor presented the following;

1. City will be adding charge to businesses for single-use coffee cups in order to reduce waste, encourage customers to bring reusable containers.
2. Her office received criticism that there are no bike lanes in Ward 5, so there are people who want them. There are also a lot of bike-share stations. Issue with non-cyclists using bike lanes on Scarlett Rd.
3. Asked to install more red light cameras in the City, \$42m in fines. Asking province to remove the appeal process. Want to install 150 cameras
4. Today was the launch of the 2024 budget proposal. Residential tax increase to 11%, potentially more if the federal government doesn't provide support. Encourage everyone to come to public consultation meeting on January 23rd at Etobicoke Civic Centre.
 - a. Asked local MPs for federal support (refugee support), no confirmed yet yes or no

- b. Will let know what service cuts will be implemented, one she knows is withrow snow removal
- c. Commercial tax increase can be found in the City Budget presentation as a PDF. Councillors office can send it if can't find it online. Important to communicate this to the members.
- d. City increases the budget annually, however this is the largest increase in a long time. This was some general discussion about property taxes.

Motion: To accept the Councillor Report

Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Peter Kalamaris **Carried 01-10-04**

Treasurer Report 7:46 PM

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

1. Review October and November, sent to ZMA.
2. No comments for December, will send copy of workbook to the board.
3. Need to code and classify the money moved from FM acct to GEN account

Councillor forgot to add to her report about meeting Jan 18th with City staff to discuss the benches, couldn't confirm Hydro's attendance. George, Peter and Suri will try to come.

4. Received HST rebate for 2022. CRA had called Peter because rebate request was high compared to previous years. Rafiq clarified with her that our expenses were higher, received cheque in mail. Audrey to send the notice of assessment to Peter and ZMA for their records.
5. Peter signed agreement for services with ZMA for 2024, with scope of work. Will circulate a copy to the board.
6. We are shopping around for other auditors.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer Report

Moved By: Omar Warsame **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris **Carried 01-10-05**

Coordinators Report 7:54 PM

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

1. Frontlines expanded into Anab Jafar Fashion, and Anab Jafar moved into 1806 Weston Rd so no vacancies.
2. ENAGB Early On had a change in management and were temporarily closed, they are open now. Need to connect with new manager/staff. They have another location above P&M for teens/youth.

3. Discussed the LED lighting proposal; doesn't include any poles or pole replacement at existing sites. Audrey suggested it as a separate project, possibly with expansion area.

Motion: To approve the LED Lighting Upgrade proposal, with the addition of a 20% contingency, to be sent to Geno at Councillors office.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Carried 01-10-06**

4. John Terzakis approved to put a mural on his building at Fern Plaza, sending letter to apply for the grant. Getting a quote from DIALOG to help with public consultation for the mural. Councillor would like to see something colourful and vibrant not with people.
5. Was disappointed with meeting with TCCS when we learned its only 211 which we are aware and have had issues with. Surprised to learn Ward 5 was part of the pilot, BIA was never involved or contacted despite saying it was successful.
6. Board agreed to draft agreement with Jasmine to do the Farmers' Market Supervisor role in 2024. Audrey to create based on last year's agreement.
7. Dream will be taking over Weston Common for 6-9 months, we will be coordinating with them for the Farmers' Market.
8. Board to decide on a protocol to deal with vendors with history of infractions.

Motion: To receive the 2023 Farmers' Market and Winterfest reports.

Moved By: George Kalamaris **Seconded By:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Carried 01-10-07**

Masum asked if there were any updates on Devron as he found out there had been some additional meetings. There was a meeting with the architect to discuss the theatre, but no update from planning staff.

Frances left at 8:30 pm.

Masum heard there was additional meetings with the planners not just Devron's architect. BIA would like to be involved in the meetings going forward. There was discussion about BIA presence at various meetings. Important for WVRA and BIA to come together. WVRA did provide a letter in support of our lighting upgrades.

9. Audrey let the board know she's applying for Experience Ontario grant and incorporating ideas found in the report in the application.
10. Jonathan volunteered be the Easter bunny, will try the shop to win ideas with receipts for biz engagement.
11. Coordinate the bike event to happen during/after the Farmers' Market when the phase 1 bike lanes are installed.

12. Ask Baptist Church if we can use the parking lot for mother's day event. See if there's any interest from businesses for a sidewalk sale before getting a permit.

Jonathan left at 8:56 pm.

13. Send RFP for marketing out and see what comes back in terms of costing. Board can then discuss if any unused capacity grant budget could be used for implementation.

Motion: To approve the Public Relations and Marketing RFP with the strategic plan included in an appendix.

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

Carried 01-10-08

14. Reviewed notes from WVRA meeting Audrey attended which the City staff gave more information about CB benefits. From this information the the kinds of projects are very limited with in-kind funding.
15. Ask Marianne for advice in terms of requirements for the maternity leave contract. Will have a Zoom call to review and finalize on Tuesday. Will ask Marianne if she can attend.

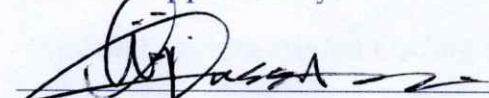
Other Business

None

Next meeting date Feb 8th 2024.

Meeting Adjournment: Masum called the meeting to a close at 9:20 PM.


Minutes Approved By:



Chair, Masum Hossain

March 7th, 24

Date



Vice-Chair, George Kalamaris

MARCH 7th, 24

Date