



Minutes of Wednesday July 12th 2023 – Executive Meeting

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

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

Regrets: Masum Hossain (Chair)

Guests Sgt Paul Dominey (Community Response Unit Manager, 12th division TPS), Alexandru Benyi (NCO Weston), Colin Patrick (NCO Weston), Brian Davy (NCO Weston)

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

Motion: To approve the agenda.

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

Carried 07-12-01

Conflict of Interest – None Declared

Motion: To approve the June 2023 Executive Meeting Minutes.

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

Carried 07-12-02

Special Report – 12th division TPS update Staff Sgt Paul Dominey 6:36 PM

Sgt Dominey presented some statistics specific to the BIA catchment area, in terms of major crime indicators. 3% increase from last year overall. Assaults are down 12%, auto thefts are up 21% as is seen City wide, Break & Enters up 50% which is at same number in 2019, Robberies up 4 which are pharmacies, Sexual Violations and theft over \$5K are down, no Shootings YTD it was 5 last year.

Concerns in the neighbourhood are disorderly conduct (fighting, loitering, vandalism etc). June 2022 restructuring in TPS and are down 600 officers City-wide so not enough officers. 911 call wait time is now 22 minutes working on reducing the times. NCOs are focused on the Weston neighbourhood, replaced the community response unit. Only around 1/3 of neighbourhoods have community officers, more officers in Smithe Park due to higher crime statistics.

NCOs weren't doing enforcement previously; spoke to Sgt MacIntyre to make a change and allow them to do enforcement now. Previous week, Officer Atkins (not present) handed out 11 tickets in one morning. Focusing on problem person in the wheelchair who's coming into the neighbourhood to sell illegal cigarettes. Minor enforcement is the best they can do in 2023/2024, keep in contact to report issues so that NCOs can try to attend - however, they do not work past 11pm. Unfortunately, little resources after this time.

Councillor added the Police Services Board was criticized for increasing the budget, but it went toward decreasing the 911 response time. Many BIAs came to the meeting and made a deputation in support. Can't arrest people for drinking on the street, will get a ticket which they most likely won't pay. Police are doing what they can with what they have.

90% of the disorderly conduct are not policing issues, there are specific agencies for these issues for mental health and addiction. Need to get them to the table and on the street, reach out to Barbara who has the list of the organizations.

Added that will be charging the bartender and Weston Station when people walk out with their alcohol, need to see proof to lay a charge to take it to AGCO.

Be careful about the musical acts on the street and be prepared for any security issues, might want a different location if we want a different crowd.

Continue to call, and direct the businesses and community to call, when issues arise. The board shared examples of situations they have seen in around the neighbourhood.

BIA Chair's Report 7:31 PM

George presented the report on behalf of Masum, the following additional comments were made;

1. Masum is back July 18th. Olu will be away from July 30 to August 23rd
2. Sylvio prefers to have meetings in the afternoon as he is working construction in the mornings.
Discussion to have meetings in late afternoon or evening, George needs before 5:30pm.

Motion: To reschedule the Board Subcommittee Meetings from 10am to 4pm.

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

Carried 07-12-03

3. No timeline for when the washroom repairs are to be done.
4. Budget will be due 30 days before we want our AGM, so aim for 2nd last or last week of September. Can dedicate some time at the August board meeting to discuss the budget. Peter prepared a report of budget vs actuals Jan-May, nothing over budget currently. In September we

print the report and make adjustments for the budgets lines. Winterfest would need to look at our 2022 numbers to gage. New projects – Capacity development funding and streetscape projects for developer funding. Subcommittee can discuss the new projects and create proposals, Chairs can collaborate with the subcommittees to create for the next meeting on August 8th. Developer money won't be available until they are approved, will get more information on Monday meeting with City Staff.

Motion: To accept the Chair's Report.

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

Carried 07-12-04

Councillor Report 7:46 PM

The Councillor presented updates on the following items;

1. New Mayor, Olivia Chow, was sworn in that morning.
2. Drinking in Parks was debated, recommended Parks to all the Wards, plans to refuse all the parks.
3. Council meeting next week, special meeting in August with new Mayor to revamp all the committees.
4. Gino will send the Liquor License application, for new restaurant De Place, application says Bonita. Restaurant isn't open yet to go in and inquire. Follow up with Gino Orsi for it, find out more information about the owner and see if we'd like to make any comment. Olu says he is familiar with the place when they were at another location.

Motion: To accept the Councillor's Report.

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

Carried 07-12-05

Treasurer Report 7:59 PM

Peter Kalamaris presented the report, the following comments were made;

1. Budget comparison hasn't been broken down by events, not finished still working on that before distributed.
2. Need to transfer the \$100 from Artscape from FM account to the GEN account, can make an appointment at the bank to do that.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer Report

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded By:** Olumide Olatoye

Carried 07-12-06

Coordinators Report 8:03 PM

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

1. Disputes happening between P&Ms (1948 Weston Rd) and Candy Cake Cupcakes (1944 Weston Rd); civic issues not to be involving the BIA, ask them to inquire with bylaw if they have issues. Ask Candy Cakes Cupcakes to ask her landlord to speak with the owner of P&M so that the landowners can find a resolution.
2. Benches, Bike rings are being following up by Pauline and she's drafted the RFP for the gateways.
3. Met with Lightspec for the security pole and the corner, streetscape committee to discuss.
4. Heard that because of the budget shortfall, Urban Forestry won't come out to do any maintenance once they're older than 2 year. Example of John St trees in which many are dead/sick. Watering of trees to be done by BIAs, tree guards are an issue. Request a meeting with Urban Forestry.
5. Interlinx said they don't have the footage that it deletes after 72 hours. Will be saving it for a month. Haven't received a digital report yet. Body cam footage should be submitted to their supervisor if there's an incident.
6. Westlaw complaint about the Lawrence Parkette overgrowth, send request from update from Pauline regarding the Orphan spaces. Said they aren't cleaning the sidewalk around their building.
7. Rafiq called to get the invoices/receipts last Friday, bringing it to him this week. Should be receiving it in February, to discuss protocols once Masum is back.

Frances left 8:23 pm

8. Returned the broken tent to Walmart; two options either Caravan for \$250+hst for the frame only or Amazon for \$199+hst. Preferred the Caravan as there's a 2 year manufacturer's warranty, see if they can give us a bag. Can also test our canopy top on it.
9. Think more and revisit the asset sharing with other BIAs.

Motion: To create a job posting for the event assistant for Winterfest for board review at the August meeting.

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

Carried 07-12-07

10. Concern about another hair salon moving in, look into best way with the strategic plan on how to get specific tenants in.

11. Other locations for the pigeon pest control, roof where Bellina Restaurant is, or Costi building. Follow up with the pest control company if appropriate and reach out.

Motion: To accept the Coordinator report.

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

Carried 07-12-08

Other Business 8:46 PM

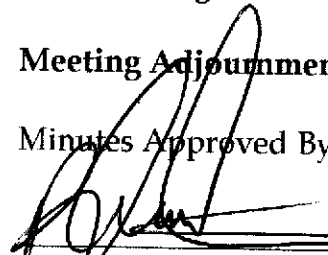
Location for the live music nights changes week to week, not always at RBC corner as was a concern expressed by the police. First night of the live music seemed to calm the area down.

New residents from Wilby have been reaching out to the BIA, welcome package a good idea.

Next meeting date will be August 9th

Meeting Adjournment: George Kalamaris called the meeting to a close at 8:50 PM.

Minutes Approved By:



Chair, Masum Hossain



Peter Kalamaris

Sept 13 2023
Date



Vice-Chair, George Kalamaris

SEPT 13 2023
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