



Minutes of Wednesday February 12, 2025

Location: BIA Office - 4 John Street, Unit 3 with Hybrid for Chair **Time:** 6:30 PM

In Attendance:

Masum Hossain (Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary and Treasurer), Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Jonathan Repasch, Olumide Olatoye, and Nicole Stachan (Coordinator)

Guests:

Marianne Szczuryk (Economic Development), Jovana Guzman, Natalie Barcellos (GPA), and Robert Walter Joseph (GPA)

Absent:

Omar Warsame (Vice-Chair), Sylvio Rodriguez, Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston), and Kasia Grobel (Economic Development – Streetscape Coordinator)

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order with quorum at 6:37 PM.

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Jonathan Repasch

Carried 2-12-01

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Motion: To approve the January 13, 2025 Minutes

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

Carried 2-12-02

Special Presentation – Gladki Planning and Associates

Natalie and Robert presented the current status of the strategic plan and how implementation has been going to date with Peter. They identified that the Weston Loop initiative would be a beneficial movement for the BIA to be part of. There is also opportunity and willingness from Mount Dennis BIA and LEF for collaboration.

Natalie and Robert asked to hear thoughts and initiatives that other Board members. The following comments were made;

- Suri Weinberg-Linsky was interested in a Wayfinding initiative that could be collaborated with the Weston Historical Society;

- Jonathan Repasch wanted to gain greater clarity on how the BIA is currently engaging all businesses and how communication is being seen. Reviewing more effective communication strategies was requested
- Nicole Strachan was interested in a volunteer initiative/program in which youth in the community could be available for BIA events and/or projects as the needs arise. Creating a roster of volunteers from neighbouring schools, Frontlines, and the Resident's Association was to be explored.
- Jonathan Repasch was interested in taking initiative on any strategic plan item that could be actioned immediately. Natalie and Robert explained that at this stage, there are no BIA action items.

This concluded the presentation from GPA. Masum Hossain thanked Natalie and Robert and they left the meeting.

Special Presentation - Streetscape and City Initiatives

No presentation as Kasia Grobel was absent

Marianne Szczuryk informed the Board that, unfortunately, her role with the BIA was being replaced with Ned Sabev due to internal reconfigurations of the Economic Development team.

BIA Chair's Report

Masum Hossain informed the Board that Councillor Nunziata was looking to add two new members to the Board. The Board was surprised to hear this information as Councillor Nunziata had not previously communicated this information to the Board.

Masum Hossain clarified that Nicole Strachan was looking into obtaining a credit card for the BIA as an alternative means of payment method. Peter Kalamaris advised that proper protocols need to be set up and be in place prior to ensure that unauthorized spending was not occurring.

Masum Hossain discussed the settlement of the ongoing issue of the stolen generator during the Winterfest event as a result of the vendor, JW Motton storing the generator in a location that was not informed to the BIA. Nicole Strachan clarified that Armour Security and the BIA were not aware of the generator being stored on site, however, she clarified that the relationship with both vendors would be good to maintain.

Motion: To pay half of the insurance deductible to JW Motton and not charge any to Armour Security
Moved by: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Carried 2-12-03**

Motion: To accept the Chair Report

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Olumide Olatoye

Carried 2-12-04

Councillor's Report

The Councillor was absent, no report presented.

Treasurer Report

Peter Kalamaris informed the Board that he was working with the accountants to finalize all entries for the 2024 year and reconcile all accounts.

Peter Kalamaris informed the Board that we still did not have an auditor for the 2025 year as Rafiq Dosani had declined to continue as he has reduced his workload. Marianne Szczuryk advised the Board to reach out to TABIA for an auditor RFQ as many other BIAs were facing this same issue.

Peter Kalamaris informed the Board that he had auto-deposit set up for the Farmers' Market bank account in order to reduce the back and forth between Nicole and Preet, and avoid complicating the matter of tracking Vendor payments. Preet Lalli as the Farmers' Market event coordinator should be responsible for tracking all of the Vendor payments.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's Report

Moved by: Suri Weinberg-Linsky **Seconded by:** Jonathan Repasch

Carried 2-12-05

Coordinators Report

Nicole Strachan presented her Report, the following key points were discussed;

- Streetscape RFP for planting/landscaper to be sent out with stipulations
- Letter to the City to request no parking on John Street was reviewed;
 - The letter should identify the boundaries on John Street (i.e. Weston Road to South Station)
 - Backup documentation for the complaints listed in the letter required
 - Might be worthwhile to have a petition signed
 - Toronto Parking Authority needs to be consulted on handicapped spaces available
- Tune Up the Trail will occur at the Farmers' Market again
- Special meeting to discuss 2025 workplan was scheduled for February 26th at 1PM virtually

Other Business

Peter Kalamaris advised the Board that 2 of the speed bumps on Pantellis Kalamaris Laneway were broken. Likely from a snow plow. Nicole Strachan advised that she was aware and raised the issue with 311. Masum Hossain suggested letting the Councillor's office know as well.

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Next Meeting: The next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday March 12, 2025 at 6:30PM in person.

Meeting Adjournment: Masum Hossain called the meeting to a close at 9:08 PM.

Minutes Approved By:

Suzi Weirby-Linsky
Name
Title Board Member

July 17/25
Date

PETER KACAMAKIS
Name
Title SECRETARY
Date

June 9 2025
Date