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Minutes of Wednesday April 9th 2025 – Executive Meeting

Location: 1950A Weston Road

Time: 6:30 PM

In Attendance – in person: Masum Hossain (Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Jonathan (Jonny) Repasch, Olumide (Olu) Olatoye, Omar Warsame (Vice Chair), Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Romano D’Andrea, Marilyn McCrea, Jovana Guzman, Councillor Nunziata, and Nicole Strachan (Coordinator),

Regrets: Preet Lalli (Farmer’s Market Event Planner), Harley Valentine (Castlepoint Numa), and Sandi Koitsis-Zigomanis (A/Manager of Business and Growth Services Toronto BIAs)

Guests: Leslie Vaage (Manager Strategic Planning and Initiative at City of Toronto), and Ned Sebev (Economic Partnership Advisor),

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

Olu entered the meeting 6:32 PM

Omar entered the meeting 6:32 PM

The Chair thanked Harely from Castlepoint Numa, for allowing the BIA to use their empty office space for the meeting, since the BIA office was undergoing repairs.

Motion: To approve the agenda

Moved By: Jonny Repasch

Seconded by: Peter Kalamaris

Carried 04-09-01

Ned updated the board members that the integrity commissioner will be at the next meeting, so that they can clear the issue of contention they had at the last meeting regarding conflict of interest. He also reminded the board to adhere to appropriate code of conduct, to keep the group working cohesively. He reminded the Board that meeting minutes are to be sent a minimum of 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Conflict of Interest – Peter declared conflict of interest regarding all discussions about P&Ms 50th anniversary.

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Discussion of Meeting Minutes

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the March 12th meeting minutes. The following key points were made;

1. The first motion was not moved by Peter Kalamaris
2. Item 9 of the Chair Report should reflect that the work was being completed by Toronto Water and not Toronto Hydro
3. A larger discussion was had with respect to the previous comments made by the Chair with respect to the Councillor's decision to onboard two new members.
 - The Chair and the Councillor debated back and forth; with the Councillor requesting a public apology from the Chair as recommended by City Staff, specifically Sandi Koitsis-Zigomanis.
 - There was further disagreement on whether an apology was mandated or a suggestion.
 - Ned Sabev advised that the Chair is to remain impartial and maintain decorum.
 - Suri expressed that the back-and-forth debate was childish and was wasting the time of the board members

Suri left at 6:56 pm

- The debate on an apology continued
- Leslie Vaage suggested that, as it seemed an impasse was reached, that the apology be dealt with outside of the meeting and the Board is to continue with the Agenda
- Eventually the Chair gave an apology to the Councillor

Motion: To accept the March 12 minutes as amended

Moved By: Omar Warsame

Seconded by: Olu Olatoye

Carried 04-09-02

The Chair's Report

Presented by Masum Hossain

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made:

- The Chair spoke to the Landlord representative, Lisa, regarding the condition of the BIA office and how we are unable to use the space for over 5 months.
 - Lisa offered 2-month relief to the Board. Masum requested 5 months.
 - Lisa has agreed to proceed with repairs, however, a schedule for completion was not confirmed
 - The Chair and Lisa agreed to meet on Saturday April 12 to review the conditions.

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Suri returned at 7:04

- A discussion was had on whether or not the BIA needed an office. Arguments were made from both sides. The Chair appointed a working group consisting of Marilyn, Omar, and Suri. The working group was to explore the real estate options for the BIA's current office needs including storage space for as-sets

Motion: For the working group to explore BIA office real estate options. Report back to the Board at the June Board meeting (2 months)

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded by: Romano D'Andrea

Carried 04-09-03

Peter left the meeting 7:17

- P&Ms 50th Anniversary and he informed P&M to speak to the coordinator to discuss what they want, some of their asks where for a road closure, so the BIA will see how to help. Nicole is getting a plaque made from the BIA, and that if the needed a road closure the Councillor's office is responsible for that.

Peter returned to the meeting 7:19

- Masum brought to Romano's attention that some board members have questions as to why his web-site has the BIA logo and the WVRA logo on his foundation's website. The Romano D'Andrea Foundation was not given a letter of support from the BIA.
 - Romano recalled that Peter, Audrey, Masum, and Suri gave Romano verbal support on behalf of the BIA for the Foundation.
 - Ned suggested that this discussion be deferred to the meeting with the Integrity Commissioner

Motion: To accept the Chair's report

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded by: Olu Olatoye

Carried 04-09-04

The Councillor's Report

Presented by Councillor Nunziata

- There is an Economic Development report that is coming to council.
- The City had a pilot for rat remediation during construction led by the City that involved excavation. Unfortunately, when the pilot was launched approximately 2 years ago, the Weston Village BIA did not opt-in. The City wants to advise excavation crews to leave rat birth control in the spaces they dig as a

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means to cull the rat population. More will be known after approval which is expected at the end of April 2025

- Suri was given a report about the planters Ned advised to send the request through to Kasia or send it to him and he will forward it to her.

Motion: To accept the Councillor's report

Moved By: Jonny Repasch

Seconded By: Jovana Guzman

Carried 04-09-05

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Peter Kalamaris

- There are additional 17 hours from the accountant, for a total additional cost of \$700. The additional work involved back-and-forth with the Auditor and adjusting entries for the 2023 year. As well as having to revise the T4As as a proper record of individuals treated as employees with needs for a T4A was not kept.
 - To avoid this issue in 2025; Peter has reviewed the GL codes and worked with the accountants on creating a list of what staff the BIA is planning to hire for 2025. He recommends that the board pay the additional fees.

Motion: To pay ZMA the additional \$700 of fees

Moved By: Marilyn McCrea

Seconded By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky

Carried 04-09-06

- Wix is still holding the Farmers Market fees, per the email he sent last month. He will need the personal information that Wix is asking for from all the directors (they already have his and Masum's) or they will not release the funds to the BIA bank account.
 - There was a general consensus that the requests from Wix violated the privacy act. It was discussed to cancel Wix payments and only accept via e-transfer (auto-deposit enabled). Jovana volunteered to work with Nicole to move the website hosting from Wix to Bluehost.
- Peter asked for an update on the credit card from Nicole. Nicole explained that the signatories must meet with RBC to get a credit card. They will only speak to the signatories about that. Peter delegated to Nicole to set up a meeting with signatories at the bank to apply for a credit card.

Ned reminded the BIA that the Treasure needs to present the monthly financials at every meeting, at minimum.

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report

Moved By: Romano D'Andrea

Seconded By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky

Carried 04-09-07

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Farmers Market Report

Presented by Peter Kalamaris in Preet Lalli's absence

In reviewing the report created by Preet there were general discussions regarding the venue space, grants, marketing, and overall spending in relation to the budget.

The discussion continued at length and it was advised that a working group be created to review these items.

Motion: To form a working group for the Farmers' Market consisting of Suri, Jonny, and Peter

Moved By: Jonny Repasch

Seconded By: Jovana Guzman

Carried 04-09-08

Update on Street Cleaning Contract

Presented by Suri Weinberg-Linsky, on behalf of the Street Cleaning Working Group

Contacted Marianne for a list of BIAs with similar size sent those results to the board. 8/23 BIAs don't have street cleaning contract in their BIA. WVBIA is dead in the centre of what they have budgeted for their street cleaning budgets. The working group recommended that the Board move a motion to have James work for 4 days a week, at a rate of \$19/hr, for 4 hours per day, on Monday Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Omar left 8:03

Omar returned 8:16

- Discussion was had on whether 4 days was sufficient. Romano suggested that 7 days a week would be a better solution to ensure the streets stayed clean.
- Marilyn advised that Weston needs more cleaning because its high mass transit and has a high amount of food and beverage, the variables are significant in Weston. She expressed appreciation for the research the subcommittee has done, however the BIA is incrementally repeating their behavior and not getting a different result. The BIA needs an intense pilot project to provide solid data.

A friendly amendment to the working group's motion was made by Marilyn.

Motion: To increase the days of cleaning from 4 days to 7 days a week.

Recorded Vote;

In favour: Jovana Guzman, Romano D'Andrea, Marilyn McCrea, Councillor Nunziata

Opposed: Peter Kalamaris, Olumide Olatoye, Omar Warsame, Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Jonathan Repasch

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Moved By: Marilyn McCrea

Seconded By: N/A

Rejected 04-09-09

Peter provided that 4 days a week is \$12,000, \$7 days a week is \$21,840, and though he agrees with Marilyn – neither the working group nor the other comments have addressed where is the BIA getting the money from. A deeper look into the Budget is required. He is more supportive of Marilyn's Safe Street action plan. Just increasing the days would be throwing money at the problem and hoping it goes away.

Leslie Vaage added that the Board has the financial responsibility to manage the budget they have. It sounds like the Board would like to allocate more money towards the cleaning. For that reason, Peter's recommendation to have the working group come back next month and to move forward with the street cleaner now is a good suggestion.

Motion: To have the working group research a comprehensive Safe Street Action Plan and present in 20 business days at the May board meeting. The plan is to explain where the additional funding will come from in the budget. The wage for the cleaner will be \$20/hr. The working group is to include one non-board member at large.

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded By: Marilyn McCrea

Carried 04-09-10

Motion: The Safe Street Action Plan working group to consist of the following Board members; Romano D'Andrea, Jonathan Repasch, Omar Warsame, Marilyn McCrea

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded By: Olumide Olatoye

Carried 04-09-11

Motion: To defer the Coordinator's Report to the June meeting

Moved By: Councillor Nunziata

Seconded By: Marilyn McCrea

Carried 04-09-12

Leslie left 8:55

Jovana left 8:55

Next meeting: May 14th, 2025, at 6:30 PM in person.

Meeting Adjournment: Masum called the meeting to a close at 8:57 PM.

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Minutes Approved By:


Chair, Masum Hossain


Secretary, Peter Kalamaris


Date


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