



**Minutes of Wednesday May 8, 2024 – Executive Meeting**

**Location:** 4 John Street **Time:** 6:30 PM

**In Attendance – in person:** Masum Hossain (Chair), George Kalamaris (Vice Chair), Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Olumide Olatoye, Omar Warsame, Sylvio Rodriguez and Nicole Strachan (Coordinator)

**Regrets:** Jonathan Repasch, Councillor Nunziata (Ward 5, York South-Weston)

**Guests:** N/A

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:33 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.

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

**Carried 05-08-01**

Conflict of Interest – None Declared

Olumide joined the meeting at 6:47 PM

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

**Moved by:** Peter Kalamaris

**Seconded by:** Omar Warsame

**Carried 05-08-02**

**BIA Chair's Report**

Masum presented his report, the following comments were made:

1. Writing the letter to the landlord regarding the BIA office pest issue was successful.
2. After Jasmine unexpectedly resigned, the executive board made a decision to hire Mohamed. Peter will get offer letter ready and Masum will go to Peter's office to sign.
3. Omar presented question of if the Councillor is supposed to be at our meetings, how do we get updates if she is not present?

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

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

**Carried 05-08-03**

### **Councillors Report**

The Councillor was absent so there was no report.

### **Treasurers Report**

No report

- Peter did not receive the Month end reports from Nicole, nothing to report.

*Mohamed Salah entered meeting 7:00 pm*

### **Introduced Mohamed Salah**

- Will be the new Farmers' Market Manager
- Will shadow Nicole for the Mother's Day Market
- Humber computer programming student
- Volunteered at the Farmers' Market for the past 4 years

*Mohamed Salah left meeting 7:05 pm*

### **Coordinators Report**

1. No vacancy on board at this time.
2. Peter is the landlord for 1971

### **BENCHES**

- Suri wants the bench moved to the other side of the planter and it can go where the community sign board is, and she can look into that
- Suri was shocked to learn that it will cost \$35,000 to move 4 benches or \$28,000 for 3 benches. The BIA is still waiting for a bench from the front of Zeal burger to move to John Street.
- Viable options for the new benches would be; 2 benches in front of Shoppers, 1 at Wilby. The North-end is still lacking benches

**Motion:** To move community board at Fern and install bench at Fern, 1 at Wilby and relocate Zeal burger bench to John Street. Suri to contact Pauline.

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris    **Seconded By:** George Kalamaris    **Carried 05-08-04**

### **PLANTER EDGING**

**Motion:** To pay deposit to Art Metal Works to secure quoted price and get shop drawings.

**Moved By:** George Kalamaris    **Seconded By:** Sylvio Rodriguez    **Carried 05-08-05**

## FARMERS MARKET

**Motion:** To host grand opening on June 15

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris

**Seconded By:** Olumide Olatoye

**Carried 05-08-06**

## Miscellaneous projects

- Nicole brought up office cleaning and workstation equipment and presented pricing to proposed equipment to purchase
  - Wet/dry vac
  - Wireless keyboard and mouse
  - Larger monitor
  - Deskpads
    - Approximate price of above equipment \$547

**Motion:** Get proposed cleaning and office equipment

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris

**Seconded By:** Omar Warsame

**Carried 05-08-07**

## Other Business

### DEVRON DEVELOPMENT

- Devron approached Masum revealed that Devron is not opening the parking up to South Street.
- Suri explained it's disappointing that the parking layout has changed considering the other plans like the day care have changed. What was expected was a piazza style streetscape. These changes do not align with that.
- Board would like to reach out to meet with Devron to discuss the proposed changes. Depending on response from Devron Board will then engage Councillor's office to get to a solution.
- Peter asked Masum if the Board approaches Devron to meet is not a conflict of interest. Masum confirmed it is not.

**Motion:** Reach out to Devron and/or Councillor's office regarding the BIA Board not supporting the current building layout.

**Moved By:** Peter Kalamaris

**Seconded By:** Sylvio Rodriguez

**Carried 05-08-08**

### SECURITY CONCERNS

- George and Peter went to a WVRA resident's safety meeting and the coincidentally the Councillor was there. The Councillor told them that there is \$600,000 for WVBIA (not the ward) in section 37 monies for lighting.
- WVBIA asked them if the BIA can support their safety campaign with candy. George and Peter declined discussing what the BIA can support them with since they were there on their own accord and not representing the BIA.

Omar left 9:08 PM

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

Minutes Approved By:

Suei Nulsky-Linsky  
Name  
Title Board Member

Peter Karamaris  
Name  
Title Secretary

July 17/25  
Date

July 9, 2025  
Date