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Minutes of Wednesday July 9th 2025 Meeting

Location: BIA Office – 4 John St Unit 3 Toronto ON M9N1J3

Time: 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Peter Kalamaris (Secretary/Treasurer), Jonathan Repasch, Suri Weinberg-Linsky, Romano D'Andrea, Marilyn McCrea, Jovana Guzman, Councillor Frances Nunziata, Audrey Swartz (Coordinator), Ned Sabev (Economic Partnership Advisor), Andrea Rodriguez (Bell Box Murals), Dustin Jainaraine (Auditor)

Regrets: Omar Warsame, Olumide Olatoye

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order with quorum at 6:30 PM. It was noted that the meeting was being recorded. Peter Kalamaris assumed the role as Chair being the only executive present.

Motion: To approve the agenda

Moved By: Jovana Guzman

Seconded by: Romano D'Andrea

Carried 07-09-01

Conflict of Interest – None Declared

Jonathan arrived 6:31 PM

Presentation: Bell Box Murals

Presented by Andrea Rodriguez

Organization puts art on the brown Bell boxes, works with Yasaman. Expanding to window murals and other surfaces. Have participated as artists for Window Wonderland in the Junction and similar art in Little Italy. Proposing a similar event for Weston, encourages people to come out in winter, painted in the interior. They have a presentation with pictures which they can share to Audrey for her to distribute.

Grants are available to apply to fund the project. Audrey noted for the new board members that the BIA has worked with Yasaman before through Moonlight Murals.

Recommended at least 5 locations for window murals, aim to have as much as possible to have an impact. Cost approximately \$1,000 per window, cost can vary depending on the size and if it's a painting or

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a doodle type of design. Doodle type will last around 1.5 months, full painted one can last several months. Easily removed with window cleaner, this would need to be done by the business.

Councillor asked if the Façade Improvement Program could be used to fund this, Ned said no. There would not be a discount the more windows you do. Bell Box Murals will coordinate all aspects of the project.

Andrea left 6:43 PM

Audrey apologized to Romano and Suri regarding statement of their involvement in the WVCA last meeting, it was incorrect and had cleared up the misunderstanding with the organization.

Ned reminded board members they receive documents 5 business days in advance of the meeting, they should be reviewing them ahead of time not during the meeting.

Councillor left 6:46 PM

Some typos on Jovanna and Ned names were noted for correction.

Motion: To accept the June 11th board meeting minutes as amended

Moved By: Jonathan Repasch

Seconded by: Romano D'Andrea

Carried 07-09-02

Councillor returned at 6:47 PM

Governance 6:48 PM

The board had received resignations from Masum Hossain and Omar Warsame. Masum was removed from the board at the Community Council on July 3rd.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Omar Warsame.

Moved by: Marilyn McCrea

Seconded by: Jovana Guzman

Carried 07-09-03

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Motion: To nominate Marilyn McCrea as Chair, Peter Kalamaris as Vice Chair/Treasurer and Jovana Guzman as Secretary.

Moved by: Marilyn McCrea **Seconded by:** Romano D'Andrea

Carried 07-09-04

Abstained: Suri Weinberg-Linksy, Jonathan Repasch

There was discussion how to process works to elect the executives. Jonathan felt he may be interested in being the secretary and was still considering it. At this point the vote was already taken. He is fine to allow Jovana to be secretary. He can think about taking the treasurer position.

It was noted that Omar is still a signing authority, as he is a board member until removed at Council, but we should try not to rely on him. Only Peter has signing authority at the moment. Don't need to be an executive to be a signing authority can be any board member.

There was clarification around the responsibilities of the signing authorities. Budget tracking is still the treasurer responsibility. Most of the invoices are reoccurring payments or have been preapproved in the budget, odd expenses would be approved at the board meetings. Board can consider online banking; would need policy on that.

Motion: To add Marilyn McCrea and Jonathan Repasch as signing authorities.

Moved by: Peter Kalamaris **Seconded by:** Jovana Guzman

Carried 07-09-05

Marilyn McCrea continued the meeting as Chair.

Treasurer Report 7:00 pm

Presented by Dustin virtually through Zoom

Peter left the meeting at 7:03 PM

1. First year working with the BIA, a lot of the work done this year will not needed to be repeated next year. Had to do some audit into 2023
2. One item went back prior to 2023 that they had to go back further to adjust. 2023 audit statements showed some accounts payable for 7K, they had actually already settled. So they were reversed out in the current audit statement. Therefore the surplus was increased.

Peter returned the meeting at 7:05 PM

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3. Ending accounts payable for 2024 was around 40k, which were paid in the first quarter or 2025. The lapse was attributed to two signing authorities not being present for an extended period of time in winter.
4. It was asked if there was any interest charged on the delayed payments, Dustin said there was not. Most of the vendors were from Winterfest and they did not charge interest.
5. Need to figure out how to track things on an accrual basis; start using the accounts payable module on Quickbooks to make year-end easier.
6. Extended the audit date beyond the year-end, until April 2025. Weren't any further payments beyond April.
7. Requested the "special charges" wording to be changed to "BIA Levy"

Motion: To approve 2024 Audited Financial Statements,

Moved By: Peter Kalamaris

Seconded By: Romano D'Andrea

Carried 07-09-06

Councillor's Report 7:15 PM

Presented by Councillor Nunziata

1. A lot of summer events going on, the neighbours night out and movie nights
2. Next Council meeting they're discussing the opening of six shelters, one is on the boundary of Ward-5.
3. Report on funding to developers in the Ward to build affordable housing
4. Topen Pond there was complaint about the bad smell and dead fish and wildlife, ministry is testing the water and investigating. It might be due recent to the heat wave
5. Rat control program report proposing that any development or projects by the City they would need pest control measures in place. Cannot be mandated for private property. Will encourage businesses to take measures as well. Ned noted there are other BIAs who put out black rat boxes and have seen success.
6. Hosting a youth job fair in September at LEF, asking businesses to contribute.

Working Group Updates 7:25 pm

Marilyn summarized the recommendation for the Clean Streets Safe Streets to add one casual worker, to result additional work to 4 hours three days a week. Extend the program to the end of 2025 and adjust the rate for both workers to \$20 per hour.

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Motion: To accept the recommendations from the Clean Streets Safe Streets committee

Moved By: Jonathan Repasch

Seconded By: Romano D'Andrea

Carried 07-09-07

Marilyn summarized the recommendation for the Events committee; the first was to defer the 2025 Winterfest, to look at the feasibility of future events to be contracted out, collaborate with the WVCA, issue an RFP for an analysis of the farmers market and other events.

Motion: To accept the recommendations from the Events committee

Moved By: Councillor Nunziata

Seconded By: Jovana Guzman

Carried 07-09-08

Romano provided an update from the Landscaping committee, which they are waiting to meet with the landscaper to ask for a credit on the plants since what was received was not premium quality and re-examining what is done for Christmas. Thinking about changing locations for the planters. Some planter beds weren't in scope, they have garbage in them which is responsibility for the street cleaner. Will provide an update from the meeting at the August meeting.

Coordinator Report 7:33 pm

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

- Clarified that our poles and planters were the main assets with graffiti. Jonathan had attended the walkthrough, and said we don't have much graffiti compared to other BIAs

Motion: To move forward with BAM for graffiti removal on BIA assets and to spend up to \$1000 as per budget.

Moved By: Suri Weinberg-Linsky

Seconded By: Jovana Guzman

Carried 07-09-09

- The meeting will be either July 21st or 22nd, following the artist deadline on July 18th. Further community consultation will be through the consultant to get feedback on the proposal by the chosen artist. The artist selection committee will also include representatives from local groups.

Motion: To appoint Jonathan Repasch to attend the mural artist selection committee meeting as representative of the BIA.

Moved By: Jonathan Repasch

Seconded By: Peter Kalamaris

Carried 07-09-10

- The Councillor restated her opinion that she did not feel the Fern plaza was a good location for a mural.
- Audrey had confirmed that we can apply for the mural grant to apply for the \$7,500 contribution to the Go Station mural in partnership as there is additional funding available through the BIA office.

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Will be up to the grant selection committee to award that, Ned is confident that it will be approved.

- The money would go through as a marketing contribution, taking from the Winterfest budget which has been deferred
- Reminded that we shouldn't be using surplus if it wasn't approved at the AGM

Motion: To proceed to contribute \$7,500 for the Go Station Mural and apply for grant of \$7,500 to be applied against it.

Moved By: Romano D'Andrea

Seconded By: Jonathan Repasch

Carried 07-09-11

Motion: To decline any expenditure in relation to the security services for the BIA this year

Moved By: Councillor Nunziata

Seconded By: Romano D'Andrea

Carried 07-09-12

Councillor left the meeting at 7:45 PM

Audrey noted for the Clean Streets Safe Streets committee that in their recommendation it wasn't noted where the additional garbage is going to go. It's currently arranged by BIA members to use their bins, but they only allow one bag per day. The BIA office doesn't have a bin and garbage pick up is only on Wednesdays.

- It can be clarified that the second worker would be responsible for finding a location to dispose of the garbage.
- Dumpster bin we don't have one because there's no space to put one on the landlords property, and it was never in the budget or plan to have one. Committee to take the points made into advisement for their next meeting.

Councillor returned to the meeting at 7:47 PM

Other Business 7:49pm

Councillor requested the Farmers Market committee to provide an update. Peter did so on behalf of the committee;

- Preet had terminated her contract, it cost the BIA nothing more than what the BIA had already contracted out for her to do. We have all the documents she was working on. The committee along with Audrey have been continuing on with updating them and managing applications. This is why the events subcommittee recommended to offload the events.

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- Had a meeting with Appletree Markets who will be doing a walkthrough on July 19th, going to have at least three proposals.
- Noted that board meetings should have been notified that she resigned. At the last meeting the board asked for her contract.
- Had heard that last weekend “half the vendors had disappeared” this isn’t accurate because not all vendors are part time there will be weeks when there are less. Some vendors are backing up and decided to not come some weeks.
- Vendor roll which note who is coming each week, layouts are created by Suri each week which is sent to Shailavi (Market Supervisor). Jonathan was there last week at 7am and noted the committee is working hard manage it on their spare time.

Motion: To direct the Coordinator to check the TABIA suppliers list for event management companies

Moved By: Romano D’Andrea

Seconded By: Jovana Guzman

Carried 07-09-13

- It was asked is we are keeping data on the vendors and attendance. It was requested to create an interim data report for the weeks so far and distribute to the board.
- Noted for the company that takes over the event, this would be a zero dollar budget so the BIA would not put any money into it other than in-kind advertising. Any and all profits would go to the management company.

It was acknowledged the contributions make by the the board members that had resigned, and the board recognized their contributions to the organization.

IN CAMERA MEETING 8:01 PM

Audrey and Ned left at 8:02 PM

Next meeting: August 13th, 2025, at 6:30 PM in person at the office.

Meeting Adjournment: Marilyn called the meeting to a close at 8:20 PM.

Minutes Approved By:

Signed by:

Peter Kalamaris

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Peter Kalamaris, Vice Chair

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Jonathan Repasch, Member

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