

## **ABIA Board Meeting Minutes – February 9th 2023**

### **Attending:**

Kiara Galbraith  
Sonia Pagliuso  
Allen Teska  
Kelvin Galbraith  
Miriam Mulkewich  
Leslie Bullock  
Lorna Hainsworth-Popper  
Karen Lee

### **Absent:**

None

### **Regrets:**

None

### **Staff:**

Andrea Dodd  
Tiffany Budler

### **Guests:**

Burlington Economic Development – Andrew Elliston, Anita Cassidy

Jacqui Cronin – The Platter Company

Jimmy Bedi – Shopper Drug Mart Plains Road

Heidi Moniz – Aldershot Foot Clinic

### **Approval of February Agenda**

Allen Teska & Miriam Mulkewich  
Approved

### **Approval of January Minutes**

Kiara Galbreath & Miriam Mulkewich  
Approved

Conflicts of Interest: **None.**

### **Guest Update: Burlington Economic Development**

Debrief of the My Main Street Program.

Managed by OBIAA and provided by EcDev, pleased to announce it has been a huge success! Completed a few different actions. Community profile created for Aldershot with in depth list about business details. Market research has been created for the Aldershot area.

Anita: Thank you to the team AD & TB for all the work with the businesses. List 10 businesses. There was much reporting back to the process and that is being wrapped up.

Helped 10 companies in creating business plans and 18 companies in market research. All this information will come our way for future use.

## **Sonia Pagliuso - Board Chair**

Welcome to our guests and introductions for each. We are thrilled to have you!

## **Councillor Report - Kelvin Galbraith**

Welcome to our guests!

Application at Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm City Council – 1062 1074 Cooke Blvd. 30 & 32 story building, we have sent a letter with comments. Statutory public meeting, please attend and share your thoughts. This road is considered a dining district for the future so we would like to see larger units with hospitality possibilities.

2030 Commonwealth Games Bid: Council supports this along with the mayor. The Bid is collaborative with several cities in the area. 14 municipalities will participate in total. What could this mean for the BIA? A significant boost to local tourism and the businesses in the area.

Passed the COB budget this week with 7.4%. Inflation has hit the city as well as everyone else. Included in that is a new dog park is coming to Aldershot, leash free. Hidden Valley Park, near the model train building.

## **Kiara Galbreath: Interim Treasurer**

Full Report on Slack

Completing 2022 – We have investments in GIC with low interest rates and we have changed this to reflect current. Meeting April 3 to get this sorted. Income \$23,406.16 Expenses: \$10,769.58, TD Visa account \$388.94

ABIA budget is going to Council March 1 for approval. The documents including a letter requested by the COB indicating our plans for this year have been approved by the Finance Committee. If the budget is approved as presented, the increase to the tax levy is 7.6% and it means a \$9.17 increase in property tax for businesses per \$100,000.00 value per year. We may attend the Council meeting by going on the COB website. There will be a link for the online meeting.

2022 QuickBooks PNL is on Slack, please take a look and reach out to KG with questions.

Audit: This will be completed by Colin Grey, an estimate will be sent soon and emailed to the Board for approval.

TB & AD will attend the OBIAA conference this year.

**Motion:** To approve the OBIAA conference expense which will be \$825.00 plus HST per person for 2 people for a total amount of \$1814.50

Allen Teska & All in Favour, **Approved.**

## **Co-Leader Report + Social & Comms: Andrea Dodd**

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New Board Member Package is ready to go! It will be sent electronically and in person once new members are added.

IWD – A ton of update on this, look forward to each spotlight coming out as we lead up to IWD.

PA Press – Who would like copies for their business? I will have them dropped off or I will bring you some.

Our next meeting will be March 30<sup>th</sup> – Annual General Meeting. Please arrive at 7am as a Board.

**Co-Leader Report + Events & Membership: Tiffany Budler**

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**In Camera Session**

Adjourned: 8:52am

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting March 30th - 2023 in person 7:00am – District Kitchen & Bar.