

ABIA Board Meeting Minutes - December 8th 2022

Attending:

Kiara Galbraith

Sonia Pagliuso

Allen Teska

Kelvin Galbraith

Miriam Mulkewich

Leslie Bullock

Lorna Hainsworth-Popper

City of Burlington

Jason Brander - BIA Liaison

Absent:

Karen Lee

Regrets:

None.

Staff:

Andrea Dodd

Tiffany Budler

Guests:

None.

Approval of December Agenda

Allen Teska / Leslie Bullock

Approved

Approval of November Minutes

Kiara Galbreath / Miriam Mulkewich

Approved

Conflicts of Interest: **None.**

Sonia Pagliuso - Board Chair

Strat Plan, please respond to Sonia's email, if you have not.

Motion: to accept the Strategic Plan for 2022: This was passed by email and completed December 8th by our Board Chair, Sonia Pagliuso. All in Favour. Approved

Councillor Report - Kelvin Galbraith

Update from Jenna Puletto MTSA lead – Work is continuing but Bill 23 may delay the final work. Burlington has been assigned 29,000 new units. Bill 23 provides incentives to make homes more affordable.

Future growth of the city will land on the tax base and this may not go well. This will really affect our MTSA. We are on hold at the moment and the MTSA group will report back later.

Hidden Valley Park is complete and it is impressive! We could consider events down there as water and electrical are there along with seating, accessibility etc.

Statutory Meeting for 355 Plains & 1010 Downsview took place, not well attended. 8 to 11 stories with retail at grade. This has been appealed. Community in general was concerned about the size and scale. BIA should be concerned with the retail and we have sent a letter on behalf of the BIA. Jason has confirmed that it is on file.

Co-Leader Report + Events & Membership: Tiffany Budler

Full Report on Slack

Ferene will attend our February Board meeting to close out her contract with MMS.

Expansion is being worked through and will post notes after our next meeting. The membership will be tightened up in the meantime.

Planning for 2023 will begin next week so that we are prepared and the members can see all the opportunities available to them.

Networking was a success and thank you for coming! We have lots of wine left over and will use up for events etc.

Shop Aldershot will close next week with 37 members participating!

MMS grant payment should be coming in soon.

Float was a success and thank you to Allen and family for joining in.

Village Tree was whirlwind success and a great event, meeting with Brigitte next week to close out the numbers for the Tree and the Harvest Hoopla. Thank you, Miriam, for being our MC!

AGM – We usually set that for March, do you have thoughts on a topic or a person to speak, in person or zoom?

Co-Leader Report + Social & Comms: Andrea Dodd

Full Report on Slack

Digital Main Street / OBIAA seminar is coming to TechPlace! Please register yourself or a staff member. We will spread the word about this at our networking and digitally in our newsletter. January 18th 10am to 1pm.

Will attend Mayors Luncheon.

PRVV & Urban Design Guidelines – This will be the starting off point for our plan going forward. Would like to host a meeting with those who are interested to get thoughts on this, in the New year.

Strat Plan – Has this been passed by the Board? Will be by email today, thank you.

Board Recruitment – I have a good start on this but do not want to put it out there until after Christmas. It is too busy a season to ask people to volunteer. Please take a look at documents in Slack and get back to me with any comments or additions/edits. This is set to go for 2023 and I will confirm the number of seats we are trying to fill. They MUST own a business in our BIA boundary.

HCDSB is creating a database of local businesses that may have an interest in taking on students with diverse abilities for Co-op placements. The database would be accessible to Co-op teachers, Special Education Teachers and businesses. They have asked that we put this opportunity out to our members and we will do that.

Claw Back: This has been taken care of.

Jason Brander - BIA Liaison - Special Business Area Coordinator

Patio Program – Long discussion has taken place. Insurance and fees end result is we will revert back to the temp patio program for now and this will be investigated along with more decorative barriers and make adjustments to the draft guidelines.

Guidelines are available online and Jason will share the link. Commenting period is open until December 23rd.

Will meet with TB and walk-through key priorities for the coming year including land use concerns.

Kiara Galbreath: Interim Treasurer

Shout out to Leslie who was a founding member of the PRVV and the BIA came out of this!

Finance Report

- Budget meeting with COB regarding procedures, they requested we reduce the Strat Plan portion. We will have a 7.5 percent increase over last year.
- Investment account unchanged at \$45,704.70. Savings account unchanged at \$5087.23. TD bank account at \$71,664.09. Deposits in October \$21,304.95. Withdrawals \$41,106.41. TD Visa account \$1 283.87 and will be paid in full by Dec 31 2022.
- The amount of the TD GIC which will be consolidated at the meeting that we have set with the TD Investment adviser is \$5087.23 from the present savings account and \$32000.00 from the 2 GICs that are maturing this month. The claw back amount for the invoice to be paid to the COB is \$20,750.00 and that will mean we have completely paid back the \$83,000.00 claw back this year.
- **Motion – To accept the amendment to the 2023 budget as suggested by the City of Burlington Finance Committee by reducing the Strat Plan account to \$2000 from \$4000, which would result in the 2023 ABIA Budget being increased by 7.5% to \$258,000.**
- **ALL IN FAVOUR – Passed.**
- GIC's - They are maturing in the next week.
- **Motion – Two GIC's plus the savings account should be put into one 100-day GIC with the TD bank. To authorize 2 signing members to meet with the TD bank to make these changes to the GICs.**
- **ALL IN FAVOUR – Passed**
- We will have another discussion before the 100 days is up to decide what is next for these 2 GIC's.
- Financial standings presented.

Adjourned: 8:35am

Next Meeting: January 12th - 2023 by Zoom 7:30am.