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Good afternoon everyone.

Further to the email below (which you have all received), please consider forwarding this information to your respective Boards of Management for their discussion. If any formal decisions are made by your Board, please forward them to Wilf Arndt and copy me on this correspondence.

I will request that Angela McRae place this matter on the agenda of the March 2018 BIAAC meeting so that it can be discussed at that time. It may be that a final Committee decision cannot be made at that time, if one is to be made at all, but the status of all Board discussions/decisions made to that date can be communicated.

Thanks.

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Hi Carlo...

Thank you for allowing Bill Slowka (Manager of the Farmers Market) and I to present to the BIA Advisory Committee (BIAAC). As a follow-up to our presentation this morning, this outlines our request for the BIAAC, to participate in having the City create a Bi-Law to designate a 'Tourist

Designated' area in the City of Hamilton.

Several years ago, the Hamilton Farmers' Market (HFM), initiate a request for the City to designate the HFM as a Tourist Designated area, to allow the Market to stay open during statutory holidays. The City outlined a number of hurdles that needed to be overcome and the matter was dropped.

Last year, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, Canada Day fell on a Saturday and the HFM vendors lost a very important business day. They have consequently again expressed an interest to be allowed to be open on stat holidays and have again taken up the challenge to ask the City to procure a tourism designation for the Market. City staff have suggested that the HFM first approach the BIA's to see if there is an interest by the BIAAC group to request a city wide designation or just the Hamilton centre BIA's, for a limited area designation.

We are aware that some time ago the Dundas BIA had expressed an interest in being declared a designated tourist area. For whatever reason, that attempt like the HFM attempt did not bear fruit. At your meeting a number of the BIA representatives indicated that there may be an interest from their respective boards. They indicated that they would like to take the request back for consultation and approvals.

To help, I have attached a link <https://www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays> to the Ministry's information web site.

I would appreciate it if you could guide this initiative through the BIA group and ascertain if all or how many BIA's would join our efforts.

Wilf Arndt  
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