



Hamilton

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES 18-004

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Room 264

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Lia Hess – King West BIA (Acting Vice-Chair)
Cristina Geissler – Concession Street BIA
Rachel Braithwaite – Barton Village BIA
Susie Braithwaite – International Village BIA
Kerry Jarvi – Downtown Hamilton BIA
Maggie Burns – Ottawa Street BIA
Susan Pennie – Waterdown BIA
Tracy MacKinnon - Westdale Village BIA and Stoney Creek BIA
Jennifer Mattern – Ancaster BIA

Absent: Tony Greco – Locke Street BIA
Bender Chug – Main West Esplanade BIA
Lisa Anderson – Dundas BIA
Councillor Matthew Green (Chair) – Personal

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

2. DISCUSSION ITEM

8.4 Provincial Funding for Hamilton Business Improvement Areas (no copy)

(R. Braithwaite/S. Braithwaite)

That the agenda for the April 10, 2018 Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) March 13, 2018 (Item 3.1)

(Jarvi/R. Braithwaite)

That the March 13, 2018 Minutes of the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Property Sales Data for Business Improvement Areas (Item 8.1)

The Committee discussed the Property Sales Data for Business Improvement Areas. Kerry Jarvi is going to draft a letter to the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association enquiring about whether other Business Improvement Areas receive this information along with whether other Business Improvement Areas in Ontario are provided mailing information for the owners of property within their Business Improvement Area by their municipality.

(R. Braithwaite/Geissler)

That the information respecting Property Sales Data for Business Improvement Areas, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Discussion on Open for Business Sub-Committee (Item 8.2)

The Committee discussed the Open for Business Sub-Committee. Staff will provide the Committee with a link to the minutes of the previous Open for Business Sub-Committee meetings.

(S. Braithwaite/MacKinnon)

That the information respecting the Open for Business Sub-Committee, be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Discussion on Commercial Market Assessments (Item 8.3)

Carlo Gorni provided an update on the Commercial Market Assessments and how the consultant currently retained to carry out the assessments was chosen. The Committee discussed the information provided.

(S. Braithwaite/Jarvi)

That the information respecting Commercial Market Assessments, be received.

CARRIED

**(iv) Provincial Funding for Hamilton Business Improvement Areas
(Added Item 8.4)**

The Committee discussed the recent provincial government funding announced for commercial areas in the City of Hamilton including the Business Improvement Areas. Carlo Gorni provided an update on the funding and advised that information on this is available online at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario website.

(Pennie/Jarvi)

That the information respecting the recent provincial funding for Hamilton Business Improvement Areas, be received.

CARRIED

(e) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Update from Carlo Gorni, BIA Coordinator (Item 11.1)

BIA Awards of Excellence in Property Awards was March 20th and Carlo Gorni advised that the event went well. The plaques were distributed and Carlo Gorni has a link to access the photos that were taken at the event. Carlo Gorni will be providing them to the Committee once he receives approval from the photographer.

(Mattern/Pennie)

That the update from Carlo Gorni, BIA Coordinator, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Marijuana Dispensaries (Added Item 11.1(a))

A discussion took place regarding the ongoing presence of marijuana dispensaries in Business Improvement Areas and the enforcement surrounding their activities. This also involved the Business Improvement Areas discussing how a number of them relate and interact with any such businesses within their boundaries.

(iii) Police Representative (Added Item 11.1(b))

Committee requested that staff enquire into having a Police representative attend a future Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee Meeting to speak to the proper way to report crime in the Business Improvement Areas. The Committee Clerk will contact the Hamilton Police Services about this matter.

(iv) Statements by Members (Item 11.2)

BIA Members used this opportunity to discuss matters of general interest.

(Mattern/Geissler)

That the updates from Committee Member's, be received.

CARRIED

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

(R. Braithwaite/Jarvi)

That there being no further business, the Business Improvement Area Advisory Committee be adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Lia Hess, Acting Vice-Chair
Business Improvement Area
Advisory Committee

Angela McRae
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Office of the City Clerk