

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Dear Board Members,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the BIA Board of Directors. With a heavy heart and after much deliberation on this matter, I feel it is best that I step away from the board after seven years. During this time, I have enjoyed every moment of the journey and I know that the Downtown Barrie BIA is the envy of any municipality in Ontario. Built upon the groundwork of past boards, as an organization, we have accomplished countless initiatives, large and small, that have made the BIA as successful as it is today.

I would urge this board to put aside their personal and political agendas and focus on continuing to create a vibrant and successful downtown, to be enjoyed by visitors as well as all residents of the city.

I have only worked toward and acted upon what I, and others, have felt was the best direction for the Downtown and its improvement as a safe and welcoming environment for all. I would ask that you support the efforts of the managing director, who has a tremendous talent for long-term strategic development and a great depth of experience, and his staff.

In closing, I thank you for the years of opportunity to serve my community to the best of my ability and wish the board every success in the future.

Wayne Hay