Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA)

June Board Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

5 pm Via Zoom



Councillor Sergio Morales, Chair

Ms. Janet Kemp, Vice-Chair

Ms. Sarah Jensen, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Jason Ing

Ms. Daniela Fuda

Mr. Colin Hassev

Mr. Chad Ballantyne

Councillor Jim Harris

Regrets:

Ms. Teresa Woolard

Absent:

Ms. Cait Patrick

Staff in attendance:

Ms. Kelly McKenna, Executive Director

Ms. Stacey Zubczyk, Project Manager

Public attendance:

8 Guests

CALL TO ORDER

 Chair Sergio Morales called the Downtown Barrie Business Association (BIA) Board of Directors Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 to order at 5:08 pm.

AGENDA & MINUTES

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved by: Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Jensen

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Harris

Vote: All in favour UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting, June 3rd, 2021:

Moved by: Mr. Chad Ballantyne

Seconded by: Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Jensen

Amendment by: Ms. Daniela Fuda

Ms. Fuda requested the addition of the recorded vote be noted for '2021_06_03
BIA Motion #1' as part of the '2020 Financial Audit Statement' section of the
minutes.

Minutes Motion as Amended:

The Downtown Barrie (BIA) Board of Directors moves a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3rd, 2021 - Special Board Meeting, with the addition of the recorded vote be noted for '2021_06_03 BIA Motion #1' as part of the '2020 Financial Audit Statement' section of the minutes.

Vote: All in favour UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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DOWNTOWN BARRIE (BIA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -- CHAIR REMARKS:

Open Air Dunlop -

- Chair Morales noted the success of the first two (2) Open Air Dunlop Saturdays (June 12th & 19th) with the wonderful weather. He offered kudos to BIA and the City of Barrie's staff.
- He noted that the BIA will continue to pilot both an extended activation season, long weekend (Friday & Saturday) road closures, as well as, West end Dunlop Street closures for the month of July.

BIA Office Hours:

- o Chair Morales also noted the BIA's revised summer hours due to Saturday's Open Air Dunlop.
 - The office will be closed Sunday & Monday for the rest of the summer in order to accommodate the new schedule.

Closed Meeting Investigation:

- As outlined in the Closed Meeting Investigation report, subsection 239.2(11) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001 provides that the report be made public.
- According to Subsection 239.2(12), the Board should consider the report and pass a resolution stating how it intends to address the report.
- Chair Morales outlined the four (4) recommendations in the Final Report from Aird & Berlis LLP.
- Motion:

• 2021 06 22 BIA Motion #1:

The Downtown Barrie (BIA) Board of Directors moves a motion that the Board and BIA Staff:

- 1. Receive formal education and training on the legal requirements under section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the proper conduct of open and closed meetings;
- 2. Draft and enact a procedure by-law pursuant to subsection 238(2) of the Municipal Act 2001 that includes a requirement to "report out" following any closed session;
- 3. Publish redacted (to exclude any information that was properly discussed in camera) copies of the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Closed Meeting and December 15, 2020 Closed Meeting on the BIA's website:
- 4. Publish or otherwise make available recordings of the public portions of the Board meetings on December 8 and 15, 2020 on the BIA's website.

Moved by: Mr. Chad Ballantyne

Seconded by: Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Jensen

Vote: All in favour UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE --

- Inquires (Q&A):
 - Bright Spot Program:
 - Secretary-Treasurer Jensen inquired about providing naloxone kits to those participating in the Bright Spot program.
 - BIA staff will look into the logistics and report back.
 - Open Air Dunlop Security, Road Reopening & Patio Hours:
 - Chair Morales inquired about the need for Open Air security until 3 pm.
 - The Executive Director noted that BIA Members have expressed concern about the road reopening at the same time the patios are letting out on Saturdays. As a result, the BIA has extended the reopening of the road closure to coincide with patio hours of operation.
 - She noted that each intersection is "manned" by a security guard so they can
 move the pylons if emergency vehicles need access and are trained in first aid &
 CPR.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE continued ---

- Inquires (Q&A):
 - Meridian Place Programming:
 - Chair Morales also inquired about New Year's Eve plans in Meridian Place.
 - The BIA office meets every Wednesday with the City and will follow up on this matter.
 - Streetscape Deficiencies:
 - Chair Morales inquired about the development of a policy to handle the request from businesses for the relocation/removal of City of Barrie Waste Bins, which were installed prior to the pandemic, as part of the Dunlop streetscape construction.
 - Executive Director noted that the BIA's priority is addressing waste bins that are negatively impacting patios. The relocation of these bins is only temporary and not a permanent solution. The BIA still needs to work with the City to develop a process to address future streetscape issues that arise.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:56 pm:

Moved by: Mr. Chad Ballantyne

Seconded by: Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Jensen

Vote: All in favour UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 5 PM-7 PM Set Date for AGM: November 1st, 2021 5 PM-7 PM