

Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Directors Meeting

July 21, 2020 **Minutes** (Approved September 18, 2020) via Zoom

In Attendance: Will Mactaggart, Doug Minett, Greg Elliott, Heather Watt-Kapitain, Brandy Douglas, Kevin Polach, Tom Lammer, Chris Ahlers, Marty Williams.

Regrets: ~~Regrets:~~ Bernie Dyer, Kristel Manes, Dan Gibson, Ian Panabaker, Leanne Piper, Daniel Atlin.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none declared

1. Approval of Agenda
MOTION: "To approve the agenda." Moved by: Heather Watt-Kapitain; Seconded by: Doug Minett.
Carried.
2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes/ Business Arising
MOTION: "To approve the minutes for the previous Board Meeting." Moved by: Kevin Polach; Seconded by: Heather Watt-Kapitain. **Carried.**
Budget reallocation via email vote
MOTION: "To accept the result of the email vote to revise the 2020 budget." Moved by: Kevin Polach; Seconded by: Doug Minett
3. Financial
 - Financial Statements to date**MOTION:** "To accept the financial statements as presented." Moved by: Chris Ahlers; Seconded by: Doug Minett
4. New items
MOTION: "To recommend to the City of Guelph Clerk that one City Councilor appointee to the DGBA should be one from Wards 1, 2 or 3, and one should be from Wards 4, 5, or 6." Moved by Greg Elliott; Seconded by: Doug Minett. **Carried.**
5. Committee Reports/Member updates
 - Executive: updated on HR processes and procedures
 - Baker: Report on DGBA response to the Urban Design Masterplan
 - Parking: Doug reported that he is sending out a survey to 2500 Bookshelf customers asking them about their transportation behaviors when accessing Downtown
 - ED: Marty reported that the Business Centre will be administering a \$115k Digital Main Street Grant to employ 7 University of Guelph students as they bring members onto digital platforms. The Grant leverages other funding to employ students so and additional \$35k is added to the original grant. This is great news for Downtown businesses who will be eligible for additional grants of \$2500 to get up and running in the digital world. The ED also stressed that the on street patio situation was fraught; there are many competing and contradictory voices. The Board will have to decide how to proceed with the current pedestrian zone once the regulations and requirements are known.
6. Adjournment
MOTION: "To adjourn." Moved by: Leanne Piper; Seconded by: Dan Gibson.
Carried.

