

Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Directors Meeting

March 16, 2021 **Minutes** (Approved April 20, 2021) via Zoom

In Attendance: Will Mactaggart, Kristel Manes, Leanne Caron, Doug Minett, Greg Elliott, Tom Lammer, Kevin Polach, Nicole Hogg, Sandy Clipsham, Dan Gibson, Ian Panabaker, Tim Plunkett, Marc Petitpas, John Regan, Marty Williams.

Regrets: Daniel Atlin.

Guests: Cara McKillop. **Staff:** Sam Jewell, Meg Dunning

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none declared

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: "To approve the agenda." Moved by: Greg Elliott; Seconded by: Kevin Polach. **Carried.**

2. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes/ Business Arising

MOTION: "To approve the minutes for the previous Board Meeting." Moved by: Doug Minett; Seconded by: Kevin Polach. **Carried.**

3. Update on Illuminate Guelph.

Sam Jewell reported that the project was proceeding, with agreements signed by the property owners and the money from the Province arriving. Electrical work for the installation has begun.

4. Summer Patio Program

Cara McKillop delegated to the Board regarding patios in parking stalls and roadways, as well as road closures in support of the program.

MOTION: "That the DGBA supports extending patios into parking stalls and roadways while maintaining open roads. The DGBA also supports road closures in support of special events." Moved by: Doug Minett; Seconded by: Nicole Hogg. **Carried.**

MOTION: "That for the 2021 summer patio season, the DGBA supports – as a pilot to inform 2022 and 2023 seasons – the scheduled weekend road closures from Friday at 4pm to end of business Sunday night around the intersection of Wyndham and Macdonell." Moved by: Dan Gibson; Seconded by Ian Panabaker. **Carried.**

5. Transit Master Plan (TMP)

Members raised question regarding the emerging TMP and the potential negative impacts on Downtown in general and on the Baker District specifically. The Parking Committee has agreed to lead the DGBA response.

6. Committee Reports/Member updates (truncated by time restraints)

Executive: Welcomed Kevin and Sandy to the Cttee.

Baker: Expecting a consultation meeting on the Urban Design Master Plan in early April.

City Council: City Clerk Stephen O'Brian has been named Acting DCAO to replace Ms. Dedman.

Chamber of Commerce: All things Guelph event coming soon.

Communications: a new database using the software Wild Apricot will allow more targeted outreach to our members.

Safe and Welcoming: an increase in break-ins and vandalism has led to a new plan to patrol late night on a regular basis. Meg Dunning working with GPS on the plan.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: "To adjourn." Moved by: Kevin Polach; Seconded by: Leanne Carron.

Carried.