

Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Directors Meeting

May 18, 2021 Minutes (for approval July 20, 2021) via Zoom

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

Regrets: Sandy Clipsham, Dan Gibson, Kristel Manes, Daniel Atlin.

Guests: Brendan Stewart, Ashlee Cooper, Julia Grady, Steven Shuttle, Matthew Canaran, Sukhman Sanghera.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none declared

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: "To approve the agenda." Moved by: Leanne Caron; 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: Leanne Caron. **Carried.**

3. Financial

MOTION: "To accept the Audited Financial Statements for 2020 as presented." Moved by: Doug Minett; Seconded by: Ian Panabaker. **Carried.**

MOTION: "To accept the Financial Statements as presented." Moved by: Doug Minett; Seconded by: Leanne Caron. **Carried.**

4. Presentation by Brendan Stewart, Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Design & Rural Development, University of Guelph (and his students). Discussion on tactical urbanism, including pop up in spaces around Downtown. Safe and Welcoming Committee to continue conversation on implementation.

5. Staff Reports

The Operations Manager presented the first test of the Illuminate project and updated the Board on the project roll-out. The Membership and Community Manager updated the Board on Welcoming Streets and working with Guelph Police Service on anti-fraud training for our members.

6. Committee Reports/Member updates

Parking and Transportation: the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is going to Council May 26 and the ED will delegate. Ongoing concerns with assumptions and aspirations that have no supporting data (e.g., Modal Split, Supply Management for parking infrastructure presented as "Demand Management") will be reiterated. The concern that the TMP will be used to reduce parking and make it more expensive – to the detriment of commercial activities and other city assets such as the River Run

and Sleeman Centre – we be brought to their attention.

Baker: the Urban Design Master Plan (UDMP) will be released on May 25 at a special meeting with DGBA. We will be looking for any plans to address our concerns with the project (e.g., connectivity, Baker St redevelopment, public square, reduced development footprint, parking reduction).

City of Guelph: There is a new Deputy CAO for Infrastructure and Economic Development starting in June; there have been 25 patio applications and most have been approved and are ready for installation.

Chamber of Commerce: the Chamber welcomed the highest number of new members last month; moved the golf tournament to September. The DGBA ED thanked the Chamber for giving free membership to our Win This Space finalists.

Executive Director: working on a response to the Baker UDMP and the TMP; Digital Main Street reported 150 Downtown businesses receiving grants; the City will soon be making public supports they have granted small business through the Tourism recovery fund; reported that the Province has released further guidance on the Sm. Biz property tax class. ED Directed by Board to send a letter to Council to consider waiving the 2022 Biz licensing fee.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: “To adjourn.” Moved by: Doug Minett; Seconded by: Leanne Caron.

Carried.

