

Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Directors
Meeting Agenda
January 31st, 2024 6:09pm
Location: DGBA Board Room
42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6
Also available via Zoom link to be updated

Introductions/zoom meeting protocols:

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and general nature thereof

1. Approval of Agenda - moved by Brian, seconded by Rich, carried
2. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting - moved by Richard, seconded by Kristel, carried
3. Richard: OBIA - fee is \$825/pp by March 3rd. (\$850/pp after)
 - Looking at \$2500-\$3000/pp to attend in total including accommodation, food & travel.
 - Great opportunity to network & connect, value in attending
 - Kristel will inquire on one day admission
 - Motion to send 3 board members to OBIA - put forward by Rodrigo, seconded by Isade, motion carried
 - Richard & Sam: completed interviews, prepared to offer a prospective candidate an offer by next week (membership coordinator).
3. Chair Updates - Chuck
 - Sam has new contract in hand, should have signed off and delivered next week (membership coordinator)
4. CIC Update & Welcoming Streets - Derrick, Cathy & Rodrigo
 - Need for detox centres, accessibility to showers & restrooms.
 - County has funding to administer housing project (potential tiny housing etc).
 - Public meeting to be held in April to discuss.
 - By-law coming to council Feb 1 : impacting encampments downtown (promisive by-law)
 - Talk about structured encampments; won't necessarily aid the downtown situation
 - Looking to identify adequate options for long term solutions
 - 32 beds opening at Kindle (Delhi Street) in the next month
 - Solutions proposed: how to improve process' by putting all support services under one roof, mapping solutions, but no tangible solutions to implement immediately
 - Cathy via Chief Cobey: when illegal drug activity occurs, the public needs/should notify police
 - Derrick: newsletter release on Feb 1: focus on welcoming streets & their programs and resources

5. By-Laws: Track Changes: Barb

- Steven & Dylan from the City Clerks office, Kay Matthews from OBIAA - looking at revising several by-laws.
- Revision happens at this (DGBA) level
- Barb to inquire on virtual voting for time sensitive topics (ie: by-laws): emergency zoom meeting
- Conestoga to be included as non-voting member
- If chair and vice-chair are not available, the board should be able to elect a person on behalf (if there is quorum)

Motion to approve the bylaws with the amendments put forward by the board - moved by Pina, seconded by Greg, carried

6. City Updates - Stacey & James

- council agenda to be released tomorrow
- Special meeting on February 14th, if DGBA would like to delegate at, must register by the 9th
- Delegations will happen, direction will be advised how to amend by-laws (if applicable)
- Direction from Waterloo & Kingston by-laws, as well as Hamilton, were taken into consideration when curating Guelph by-law
- Attempt to strike balance permitting where encampments can be located, along with something enforceable for downtown
 - Obligation to restricting more services if the area encampments are restricted to, is too small
- St. George's square taking into consideration when crafting by-law
- Board to write a letter on behalf of DGBA + verbal delegation at the special meeting
- Derrick & Greg to collaborate on letter
- How do we motivate the membership to engage in delegating for themselves on downtown encampments? (Points)

Stacey

- February of the 6th: committee of the whole, payment in lieu of off-street parking is going forward
- To provide more flex for housing downtown, if no on property parking is available
- The downtown infrastructure: crosswalk at Wyndham street, transportation options
- Standard improvements, Wyndham with one lane of traffic, bike lane on both sides, parallel parking, marketing zones, furnishing zones. 6m of pedestrian zone
- Discuss construction, timeline, etc.
- Public open house at the end of march, board to meet ahead of time March 12th or 14th
- Working with Business centre to mediate concerns between construction & downtown businesses.
- Patio sign up opens Feb 1st
- Spirit of the season debrief meeting on Friday February 2nd @ 10am
- Downtown Heritage Conservation project, looking at end of February for meeting

7. Bike Lanes - Chuck

- traffic circle is not going forward
- more value in large sidewalks and angled parking (increase of 20% more cap.)
- Bike lane proposal is 450m: split between pedestrian, furnishing zone & bike lane
- Council would like bike lanes on any refurbished streets
- Safety factors to be considered with parked vehicles & bike lanes
- What is the number of bikes currently using?
- How are bike lanes to be maintained?
- majority of board members are not in favour of bike lanes down the main drag of downtown, open to bike lanes around downtown perimeter
- "Dismount, safely store your bike & shop"

Motion to delegate, put forward by Rodrigo, approved by Richard, seconded by Isade, carried

8. Next Meeting - February 28th @ 6pm-8pm

9. Adjournment