

## **Downtown Guelph Business Association Board of Directors**

July 17th, 2023 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: DGBA Board Room

42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6

6:13pm Meeting Start

Members in Attendance: Chuck Nash, Brianne McCrossan, Pina Marfisi, Richard Overland, Derrick Rutherford, Cathay Downer,

Members in Attendance Virtually: Greg Elliott

Introductions/zoom meeting protocols

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest and the general nature thereof

- none noted

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None to declare

1. Approval of Agenda - Rodrigo moved, Cathy seconded, carried
2. Approval of Minutes - June 7th and June 28th  
Pina moved, Rich seconded, carried
3. Chair Updates
  - Lorde Park - city and art factory would like DGBA encouragement to put up a fence around the property to help with safety and management of area  
**Motion: That DGBA supports city request to install an aesthetically pleasing fence around Lorde Park**  
Moved by Rodrigo, second by Pina, carried
  - Police survey will be going out to membership address list on Thursday, July 20th for feedback
  - Adam Donaldson from Guelph political website published an article following DGBA Town Hall and has requested two board members including Chuck to give input
  - Chamber of Commerce, Guelph Business Centre, Innovation Guelph and DGBA would all like to put in a proposal to make the Drill Hall a shared space to all work out of
  - Chamber was waiting for a strategy plan before reaching out to put a member back on the DGBA Board
  - U of G has also had a representative on the board and can be looked into
  - Chamber can also be used for meeting space if you are a member for free

4. Class E Bond for 42 Carden - Richard
  - Proposal was put forward for two year extension at current rate and 10C has agreed so Rich and Chuck will sign
  - Motion: To authorize Chair and Treasurer to sign for Class E Bond**
  - Rich moved, Cathy seconded, carried

1. Spirit of the Season Updates - Bri
  - Motion:** To approve 12 additional huts for DGBA Events
  - Discussion:**
    - Over 24 applicants already and we would like to build on to the event
    - 7x8' hut
    - \$3,636 per hut
    - If we are ordering 12 at a time we can get 15% discount
    - Additional huts will be used but
  - Motion amended:** Increase purchase of huts to 18 total
    - Rodrigo moved, Pina seconded, carried
  - Co-operators is premier festival sponsor for Spirit of the Season
    - \$10,000 to Guelph Community Foundation Home for Good Campaign
    - St. George Square and Fountain area

Other Attractions committee comments:

- Noon hour concert series
- North Wyndham and Carden Street would also like noon hour concerts, Attractions committee will check with Events on this
- Discussion to get rid of old shooting stars and sell them to purchase other lights
- Motion:** To put shooting stars lights up for sale
- Pina moved, Chuck seconded, carried
- Sidewalk sale hosted by MKT MKT events can be promoted by DGBA as well

5. CIC Updates
  - Mailing list for BIA members has been going out
  - An apprentice from Valentini's has been going around to connect with businesses
  - Comments have been gathered from business owners regarding garbage, illegal use of their bathrooms for drugs, etc.
  - New businesses have been broken into before even opening their doors officially
  - North Wyndham would like more attention and opportunities for things
  - Letter to premier received a response that nothing additional will be done
  - Cameras at more businesses and in more affected areas downtown
  - CIC committee would like to adjust a bylaw for giving out free food and will discuss with the health board

- Only Quebec Street and Upper Wyndham have church-support for these members of the community

\*Scott Stewart has requested that all city inquiries, requests, etc please go through Stacey to help streamline things

6. Board Vacancy - Chuck

- Bylaw states that we have two options

- Can call an election

- Can appoint

**Motion:** To move in-camera to discuss the board vacancy

Rich moved, Pina seconded, carried

**Motion:** To move out of camera

Rich moved, Bri seconded, carried

7. Next Meetings

- August 30th at 6pm

8. Adjournment