

DGBA BOARD MEETING: SEPT 2024

Meeting Agenda

Monday September 23rd @ 6:10pm
Location: DGBA Board Room
42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6
Also available via Zoom link

1. Approval of Agenda: Approved Carly, Derrick (Motion Carries)

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting (AUG 2024): Approved: Derrick, Cathy (Motion Carries)

3. Chair Updates - Chuck

- Pina & Chuck met with Greg Jones (Skyline), anticipating he will be joining the board
- 6 additional huts for SOTS, to arrive mid-late October
- Public Space By-Law was passed, to be implemented October 1st
- Notice gets issued October 1st, then trespass notices are given with support from Guelph Police in weeks following (if individuals don't desperse)
- Doug Godfrey: suggested to attend next meeting to discuss By-Law process
- Proposed strategy planning for January 2025
 - requests for individuals to join BIA who are outside of downtown zone (proposed membership fee?)
 - what would be involved with the boundary/revision?

4. Treasurer Update/2025 Budget - Richard

- On projection
- Adjustments to be made in the coming weeks, nothing drastic
- First draft, we are losing the revenue from conestoga college (appx. \$60K)
- in anticipation we removed the revenue from last year, operating with the same budget
- to keep in the budget or not: welcoming streets (\$20,000/annual contribution)
 - general consensus is to remove
 - deescalation training to offer to business owners (proposed use of funds)

5. Solid Waste User Fee Study: Presentation and Feedback

- Robertson Reid
- Solid waste downtown/blue box transition
- internal audit; preserve recycle service through downtown through 2025 & implementing user fees for downtown businesses to pay for waste removal beyond 2026
- service proposal for underground waste collection should be available 24/7
- budgeted new public space containers (the first week of the wyndham street revival)
- report in November will formally announce what's happening downtown, as well as budget

6. City Updates - Stacey & James

- October 2 "Super" Public Open House – wondering if this update can be included in the DGBA Newsletter (if it's going out before October 2) – we can provide a written blurb. Post cards are being mailed out to everyone in DT similar to the March Open House.
 - 6-8pm at City Hall
 - Format is open house (looking at display boards), DT Infrastructure Presentation at 6:30 with Q&A, then open house portion again
 - Projects that will be in attendance:
 - DT Infrastructure - talking about the Capital Implementation Plan - which is the longer term plan for which streets (or sections of streets) are going to be done and when. There will be a presentation on this at 6:30 in Council Chambers
 - DT Solid Waste Collection
 - DT Heights Study
 - DT Heritage Conservation District
 - Community Planning Permit System Pilot (DT and Stone/Edinburgh Rd area)
 - Wyndham-Wellington Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvement project
- October 17 Construction Café at Cornerstone from 9:30-11:30
- Enbridge work is continuing on Carden Street until mid-October (and followed by contractor who will lay the paving stones again), then Douglas Street until the end of November and then Cork Street until the end of the year.
 - Safe Semester - going well with removal of Thursday nights. We will request a debrief with the Board in the coming weeks/months.

7. CLC Updates & Welcoming Streets - Derrick

- Welcoming streets, letter was sent to Cam & colleen, asked more in depth KPI's (May 2nd, 2024)
- No Response was provided.
- Networking group meetings, Alex, Derrick & Kristel, meetings will be every six weeks on a monday evening. Content is set for the year

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8. Attractions Update - Pina

- Doggie promenade went on well, 110 people in 2023, 169 people in 2024
- \$18,000 and counting has been raised (towards autistic dog support)
- Halloween, three week activati
- Spirit of the Season 24,
- Maybonne market, in woolwich village (pumpkin carving)
- MAT funding (granted) \$3000 for SOTS

9. Staff Request - Alex Turgeon

- Motion to go in camera: Carly, Richard
- Motion to come out of camera: Richard, Kristel

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday October 16th @ 6:00PM

11. Adjournment