

DGBA BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday November 27th @ 6:00PM

Location: DGBA Board Room

42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6

Also available via Zoom link

1. Approval of Agenda (Isade, Pina: approved)

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting (OCT 2024)

- Defer to next meeting (no objections)

3. Motion: to approve \$25,000 donation to Food for Kids Program

- Kristel will first the motion, second by Pina: Motion approved

4. Chair Updates - Chuck

- City is providing complimentary 2 hour parking in the downtown parkades, however comes to lost revenue of \$37,000 for the month. Letter from the city requesting the DGBA to cover 50% of that loss to mitigate
- Board will defer to January to make a decision

5. Treasurer Update/2025 Budget - Richard

- were in good standings
- Next report should be available for year end report

6. City Updates - Stacey & James

Stacey

- December parking pilot (2 complimentary hours in downtown parkades December 1st- January 4th)
- Open house on December 9th, Downtown Renewal, Macdonell E.A bridges - preliminary preferred option, downtown heights, downtown waste collection, Wyndham/Wellington capacity impact (begins in 2025 later spring/early summer)
 - Section of Wyndham and wellington closed to improve capacity
 - Online engagement tool, St.George's Square design lab for the community to provide feedback
 - Enbridge gas work is continuing, Doulas St finishing on Dec 9, then moving to cork street (should wrap in February) and then Wyndham in 2025 (no exact date)

James

- Downtown mitigation work: what would it look like to support businesses, how do we promote the downtown to maintain tourism during construction
- Looking at a potential store front + person to provide information and answer questions. Council provided a budget for mitigation work

7. CLC Updates & Welcoming Streets - Derrick

- N/A

Derrick: Events Regarding Networking Group

- Discuss budget for networking group (meeting every 6 weeks over next few years)
 - Speaker series at cafe's to bring people together around pertinent topics surrounding upcoming construction
 - Budget for mileage & meal for out of town guests
 - Suggested to host first meeting at city hall (January 13th @ 6pm)
- Letter to Mayor & Council requesting zero fee business license renewal for 2025
 - Not to

8. Attractions Update - Pina

- Huts are being delivered on Wednesday
- Security for the full two weeks
- Lots of activations opening weekend (hockey games, river run etc)
- Proposed complimentary transit for SOTS 2025
- Volunteer sign up (to be emailed out by Jordyn to board members for sign up)
- Still in need of a few volunteers for SOTS

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday January 29th, 2025

10. Adjournment