

DGBA Board Meeting: October 2024

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday October 16th @ 6:00PM

Location: DGBA Board Room

42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6

Also available via Zoom link

1. Approval of Agenda (Pina & Rich, motion carries)

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting (SEPT 2024) (Isade, Rich: motion carries)

3. PRESENTATION: Doug Godfrey (GM Operations) & Dustin Gronc (GM Corp. & Community Safety) - Enforcement of Public Space By-Law + Q&A

- In February 2024, public space bylaw was presented to staff and differed until further info was available to highlight any challenges to the space bylaw
- It was recommended to differ the bylaw at the time after challenges were withdrawn
- Mayor requested in august be brought forward to council, thus the bylaw was asked to come into effect on Oct 1
- Bylaw regulates the placement and condition of temporary encampments in three areas throughout Guelph (fully permissible 24/7 - public space with no competing use ex: open park space, temporary shelters through reservable public space 1 hour before sunset & 1 hour after sunrise (soccer fields, city squares etc), prohibited areas like playgrounds, st.george & market square)
- Interactive GIS map shows by-law location zones, fully accessible to public
- Approach is to educate those in prohibited areas to
- October 1st by-law came into effect where bylaw & welcoming streets walked around to encampments to look at violations
- Oct 16th by-law provided verbal notices to prohibited area dwellers and provided a map as to where they could relocate
- Two weeks from now, they will be given a vacate notice and have two weeks to leave the area or a trespass notice will be formally given (GPS would be called)
- Next step is to manage the areas that are vacated to ensure no new encampments pop up
- Derrick: Encampment residents want to be on the by-name list for December to acquire hotel room for winter
- Chuck Trespass notice: does the space get cleared once the trespass is issued:
 - It's issued to the person for the activity [of erecting a tent] if they do not remove, by-law gets the police involved for removal

4. Chair Updates - Chuck

- met with Alex and sam to express concerns with full-time request, asked for weekly log of day-to-day breakdown for month of October
- Huts to be delivered at the end of the month (SOTS)

5. Treasurer Update/2025 Budget - Richard

- Jenny asked for budget approval, only changes made from previous budget was welcoming streets 20K was removed & 5K was put in for city wide garage sale for next summer
- Proposed to add \$8,000 to budget for O.B.I.A conference for 2025
- Motion to approve budget: Pina & Isade & Tom : motion passed

6. City Updates - Stacey & James

- any feedback from October 2nd open house?
- There are mixed feelings about the downtown renovation, some happier about the faster timeline, others not
- They don't want long hours of construction (residents)
- Diggable downtown campaign to go in the vacant Carden units to promote the construction
- Storage of equipment is going to be in St.George's square as the staging area (part of the fast paced construction)
- Cost savings and fast timeline is dependant on having all equipment and materials stored in St. Georges square for accessibility
- Cork street to a one way? Not feasible
- Bike lane legislation review from federal gov? Has yet to be reviewed locally by Guelph to be able to speak on the matter
- Wider sidewalks?
- Richard: inquiry on more light at St.Georges square

7. CLC Updates & Welcoming Streets - Derrick

- Ontario BIA Conference
- ***Purchasing branded van to deliver food to encampments***
- Met with royal city mission for basic needs committee meeting, they want to continue with serving meals (200-300 people per day)
- How can we disperse this meal service throughout Guelph/Wellington county?
- RCM has no issue with food cost, just cost to workers
- Proposal: branded van to distribute the meals to various locations throughout Guelph and wellington county
- Working with all community outreach branches (each maintain their own independence) but have it run by one primary leadership

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- Van funded by DGBA
- Cathy: understanding the support but the government should be providing these additional services, not the BIA
- Worried of the maintenance of the van, safety, who's transporting etc

8. Attractions Update - Pina

- a few huts available for vendors for SOTS
- Next focus is trick or treat & then all forward with SOTS
- Indoor market is set
- Still in need of a few volunteers for SOTS

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday November 27th @ 6:00PM

10. Adjournment