

DGBA BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 2025

AGENDA

Wednesday February 26th, 2025

Location: DGBA Board Room

42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6

Also available via Zoom link

ABELL Pest Control Discussion (Pigeons) - Stefan Oland

1. Approval of Agenda; Isade & Derrick, approved

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting (JAN 2025) Richard & Isade

3. Chair Updates - Chuck

- Pina & Chuck went to the open house to see the two proposed layouts for the downtown infrastructure program
- Link available online to provide input on the designs (to be sent by Stacey to board members to provide input)
- Submitted a drawing to the city (regarding expanding the BIA boundaries); expanding south to the south side of wellington, down gordon to south of Eramosa river,
- Asked the city to come back with numbers as to what revenue increase it would yield to our (DGBA) budget
- If the city were to approve, board would make a motion to expand boundary, city would contact landlords of properties in proposed expansion area to have them vote on joining new boundary

4. Motion: Request to use the same charity for SOTS in 2025 (Keep Kids Fed)

- Motioned by Pina; seconded by Isade; motion carries

5. Treasurer Update - Richard

- January financials were sent out this week; audit is presently under way. Actual financials to be provided upon completion

6. City Updates - Stacey & James

- St George's square public engagement has ended; consolidating feedback for review
- Downtown Heights Open House/stat public meeting held in January; consolidating feedback
- Developing the construction medication plan. Propose store front downtown to be a place where residents/business owners can connect with city staff and contractors
- Looking to have a downtown ambassador to be the face of the program: to be the go to person for business owners to go to in order to trouble shoot issues/ask questions (direct point of contact)
- Potential expansion map (submitted by chuck); the area may be better to match the downtown secondary plan map (ideally make them match/ as close as possible)
- Q: are businesses that are significantly impacted by the construction work to be compensated by the city
 - A: not part of Guelph's meditation plan (under the municipal act they are not allowed to provide direct financial compensation).
- Q: what was the feedback from the downtown heights project (in favour or opposed on height)
 - A: mixed response; 50/50 on individuals allowing more height on buildings vs those against to protect the current downtown landscape

7. CLC Updates - Derrick

- Derrick attended opening of Delhi Street (38 people now have access to a bed)
- Looking to create strategy to notify the public
- Inquiring on where to put a day time hub with access to basic resources (food, medical etc) *whose job is it to find a day time shelter space - can the city assist?* (Stacey to inquire with city strategy team)

Monday, February 24, 2025

8. Attractions Update - Pina

- Love week was a great success; the heart outside of Quebec street mall was a big hit
- Presently working on Easter event; golden eggs being hidden throughout downtown businesses
- Q: is there a way to create a concise list of DGBA run programs both past and present /change/modify/improve? (Derrick)

9. Next Meeting: Wednesday March 26th, 2025 @ 6:00pm

10. Adjournment