

DGBA BOARD MEETING - MAY 2025

AGENDA

Wednesday May 28th, 2025 @ 6:03pm

Location: DGBA Board Room

42 Wyndham St N, Guelph, ON N1H 4E6

Also available via Zoom link

Attending In Person: Charles Nash, Pina Marfisi, Isade Dallan, Derrick Rutherford, Greg Jones, Cathy Downer, Bryan Steele, Jordyn Foster

Attending Virtually: Tom Lamer,

Sent Regrets: Kristel Manes, Richard Overland, Stacey Laughlin, James Goodram

1. Approval of Agenda: Isade Dallan & Bryan Steele

2. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting: Greg Jones & Derrick Rutherford, approved, no questions/comments or concerns

3. Treasurers Report - Richard Overland

- Discussed at AGM (Richard unavailable)

4. Chair Updates - Charles Nash

- Attended the garbage user fee meeting this morning, still some uncertainty on what system they (the city are going to go with), no set fees identified yet, - discussed underground garbage plan, proposed 100m distance to walk to dispose of trash in designated areas
- General consensus from business owners is why do we have to pay, what will we have to pay? Residential vs businesses, who pays what?
- AGM: felt the DGBA portion was well received
- Positive feedback on the direction with the new board
- There is not \$900,000 in surplus, it's closer to \$400,000 (\$500,000 was injected from the government funding for the lighting project)

5. City Updates - James Goodram & Stacey Laughlin

- Congrats on a successful AGM. A recording of the meeting will be shared with Alex.
- DT Infrastructure
 - Maxine has been doing walkabouts with Alex Turgeon visiting businesses. She is tracking the information we are receiving from businesses. In situations where the owner isn't available, she's reaching out with a follow-up email.
 - Online comments on St. George's Square are open until end of day tomorrow (May 29, 2025) – <https://haveyoursay.guelph.ca/en/projects/wyndham-and-square>
 - Watch for the report at Committee of the Whole on July 8. It will be released publicly by June 27 with the Council Agenda. If the Board would like to delegate, the registration/written submission deadline is July 4 at 10am. The report will cover construction mitigation, construction staging/sequencing, and the design of St. George's Square - similar content to what was presented at the AGM.
 - Baker District – we have retained a contractor to do the surface works for Baker Street. The work will be coordinated with the Enbridge, Alectra and annual paving work. Communication about Baker District/Baker Street and changes to access will increase as this work gets started.

5. CLC Updates - Derrick Rutherford

- Would like to write a letter to By-Law regarding the vehicles distributing meals in front of the Guelph Concert Hall; the location of the parking is hazardous to vehicles travelling southbound on Wyndham Street.

6. Attractions Updates - Pina Marfisi

- Mother's Day promotion went well, 2100 comments on your favourite stores downtown
- Over 1400 in gift cards across 21 businesses, three winners took home \$400+ gift cards to shop downtown
- Business banner program (I heart downtown Guelph) 72 banners throughout downtown poles
- Exotic car show is this Sunday June 1st, from 12pm - 4pm.
- Noon hour concerts start in June & July, every Friday 12pm-1pm
- Art on the street to commence on Quebec street & RBC parking lot, Carly Klassen has organized a mural painting downtown during AOTS
- The Garage Sale: 63 spots have been filled & 75 available
- Keep Kids Fed, to utilize 1 spot for themselves to sell one of a kind bags to raise money/create awareness of the program
- Vintage Market on September 6th: 10am - 5pm (on Carden Street)
- Downtown Doggie Promenade will be September 20th, from 12pm-4pm
- SOTS: 20 huts confirmed, 43 new vendors & 30 returning vendors

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7. Councillor Caton's Email Request - Charles Nash

- Regarding a letter sent in on behalf of the board, this letter was not well received
- Inquiring on how votes are recorded, who says yes or no (not required as per by-laws)
- Board to review processes
- DGBA to begin tracking attendance of members at meetings

8. Next Meeting - Wednesday June 25th, 2025

9. Adjournment