



Town of Newmarket
Minutes (Special Meeting)
Main Street District Business Improvement Area
Board of Management

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM
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Members Present: Tom Hemen, Chair
Allan Cockburn, Vice Chair
Councillor Kwapis
Councillor Twinney
Rob Clark
Debbie Hill
Mark Iacovetta
Jennifer McLachlan
Omar Saer
Ken Sparks

Staff Present: C. Kallio, Economic Development Officer
F. Scott, Manager of Regulatory Services
E. Hawkins, Business Development Specialist
A. Walkom, Legislative Coordinator
J. Grossi, Legislative Coordinator

Others Present Mayor Taylor
Anne Robins, Robins IDA Pharmacy
Janet Walker, Made in Mexico
Grant Buckley, Ground Burger Bar

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM.
Tom Hemen in the Chair.

1. Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

None.

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

3. Presentations & Recognitions

3.1 Patio Program

Mayor Taylor provided an introduction to the presentation regarding the Town of Newmarket Patio Program.

The Business Development Specialist outlined the purpose of the presentation which included seeking the BIA's input regarding an expanded patio and sidewalk occupancy program in the Main Street District Business Improvement Area, obtaining a decision from the Board of Management regarding moving forward with an expanded sidewalk occupancy program, and the opportunity to examine preliminary funding mechanisms. She further explained some of the parking and accessibility considerations that had been discussed by Staff and the business community, and the types of businesses that this potential program could support.

The Manager of Regulatory Services provided an overview of the regulation changes and requirements from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) regarding outdoor patios, and how the COVID-19 public health recommendations would be adhered to.

The Members of the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management queried Staff on the potential fees for a patio program, traffic mitigation options for Main Street, and cost-sharing options for additional resources required.

Staff further clarified that there would be no licensing fees for this program due to the current pandemic.

Moved by: Omar Saer

Seconded by: Councillor Kwapis

1. That the presentation provided by the Business Development Specialist and Manager of Regulatory Services regarding the Patio Program be received.

Carried

4. Deputations

- Anne Robins of Robins IDA Pharmacy provided a remote deputation which expressed her support for not closing Main Street to traffic this summer, and requested additional information.
- Janet Walker of Made in Mexico provided a remote deputation which expressed her support for the proposed Patio Program and asked for further clarification regarding the required hours of operations for patios in the Town of Newmarket.
- Grant Buckley of Ground Burger Bar provided a remote deputation regarding the potential for grants for BIA Members in the Town of Newmarket. He advised that the Town of Georgina had launched a non-refundable grant program for small businesses, and waived 2020 BIA fees.

The Members of the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management advised that the 2020 budget would be reviewed and ideas to assist businesses would be shared at a future meeting.

Moved by: Ken Sparks

Seconded by: Jennifer McLachlan

1. That the remote deputations provided by Anne Robins, Janet Walker, and Grant Buckley be received.

Carried

5. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Clark

Seconded by: Councillor Twinney

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 11:24 AM.

Carried

Tom Hemen, Chair

Date