



Town of Newmarket
MINUTES

**Main Street District Business
Improvement Area Board of Management**

Tuesday, September 19 2017 at 7:30 PM
Community Centre Hall # 2

200 Doug Duncan Drive

The meeting of the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 in Hall # 2 of the Community Centre – 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Glenn Wilson, Chair
Anne Martin
Peter Mertens
Carmina Pereira
Jackie Playter
Rory Rodrigo
Siegfried Wall
Elizabeth Buslovich (7:30-7:59 PM)
Councillor Kwapis
Olga Paiva

Staff Present: E. Bryan, Business Development Specialist
S. Niezen, Records and Project Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.

G. Wilson in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Presentations & Recognitions

None.

Deputations

1. John Dowson- Very Useful Theatre Company

Mr. John Dowson requested support for the re-creation of Festival of One Act Plays, on October 5, 6, 7, 2017 in Snap'd auditorium at OTH on behalf of the Very Useful Theatre Company. He advised that tickets are available online at www.vuttc.ca. He further advised that there will be a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* at New Hope Methodist Church on December 3, 2017.

2. Heart of Newmarket

Mr. Bill Wolske on behalf of Heart of Newmarket Citizens Group provided the Committee with background information on the group. He advised that the Heart of Newmarket Citizens Group is a not-for-profit incorporated group that advocates for the citizens' perspective on various issues, protects cultural and built heritage of the community, and provides information on matters regarding planning on Main Street.

Mr. Gerald Fox provided overview of Clocktower OMB hearing. He advised members that the hearing on November 15, 2017 will be to determine property ownership. In addition, there will be a conference call on February 8, 2017 to confirm the happenings of the November hearing. He further advised that there is a fundraiser being initiated to raise money from local businesses and residents to support the group at the OMB hearing.

A request was made put Heart of Newmarket Citizens Group on the Agenda for the BIA Meeting on November 21, 2017.

Approval of Minutes

3. Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management Minutes of July 18, 2017.

Moved by: Carmina Pereira

Seconded by: Peter Mertens

1. That the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management Minutes of July 18, 2017 be approved.

Carried

4. Marketing Sub-committee Report/Minutes

Moved by: Jackie Playter

Seconded by: Olga Paiva

2. That the market sub-committee Report/Minutes be approved.

Carried

Items

5. Report from Councillor Kwapis

Councillor Kwapis provided verbal update on the following issues:

- Old Town Hall beautification including: a bike rack, planters clean-up, flowers planted, street name, and a plaque in Old Town Hall to recognise volunteers and financial donations.
- A request for electronic speed sign on Main Street South.
- An update on the Soofa benches which are estimated to arrive in approximately six weeks.
- Smart parking installation is expected by the end of the year.
- Garbage bins on Cedar Street
- A report regarding vacant storefronts will be going to the September 25, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Town Wide Parking
- Light Post Banner Policy – Remembrance Day banners will be put up this year.

8. Light post banner policy

The Light post banner policy will be discussed at the next meeting, including information on Christmas lighting.

9. Street Events Update

- A verbal update was provided regarding the Kids Halloween Bash and a request was made to close the Street from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- The candlelight parade is scheduled for November 17, 2017.
- The BIA Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for November 27, 2017.
- There was a request for release of money for the Halloween Bash, Candlelight Parade and the Christmas Party as allocated in Budget.

10. Financial Update

The Business Development Specialist provided a financial update.

Moved by: Elizabeth Buslovich
Seconded by: Siegfried Wall

That the financial update be received.

Carried

11. Newmarket Downtown Development Committee Update

No update.

Closed Session (if required)

None.

New Business

The Business Development Specialist provided an update on communication with Central Counties, information on workshops available through York Small Business Centre and about grant opportunities.

She further advised that there is an active film permit application for October 17, 18 and 19th and that Committee Members can provide comments to Legislative Services. Concerns were raised regarding parking in the downtown area when the street is closed for filming.

Adjournment

Moved by: Peter Mertens
Seconded by: Rory Rodrigo

That the meeting adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Carried

Date

G. Wilson, Chair