

Annual General Members Meeting
Niagara Falls Downtown Board of Management (BIA)
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
5:30 p.m. – Small Business Enterprise Centre Office,
4321 Queen St., Niagara Falls, ON
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Chairperson - Ron Charbonneau

Vice Chair - Amanda Mckenzie

Treasurer - Matthew Aiello

Wendy Leard, Eric Martin, Joyce Morocco, Phil Ritchie, Karen Stearne

Absent: Sal Dipietro, Julio Batres-Gavidia, Joe Mrkalj, Steve Ichelson

Excused: Mayor Jim Diodati, Tony Barranca

Bookkeeper: Kim Ferri

Recording Secretary: Agnes Hoelzner

(Meeting Sign-In Sheet attached – Total 18 people in attendance)

1. Welcome by Ron Charbonneau - Chair.

2. 2017 Audit Report presented by Connor Gates of Crawford, Smith & Swallow.

- A brief discussion/question period followed the audit presentation. Connor Gates and Christine Morrow, also of Crawford, Smith & Swallow, responded to all enquiries.

3. 2018 Budget presented by Matthew Aiello, Treasurer.

Motion AGM18-01: To accept 2018 budget report as presented.

Motion by: Joyce Morocco

Seconded by: Wendy Leard

Carried

4. Written Report presented by Ron Charbonneau - Chair.

- Overview of the accomplishments of the BIA for 2017. Reviewed the section 'Keeping you informed'. Ron thanked the BIA membership, City Staff and the Downtown Board of Management for the support they provided him when he assumed the role of Chair in 2017.
- Joyce Morocco expressed thanks on behalf of herself and City Hall to Ron and the board for the good progress that has been made in getting the Board of Management in a good position again. Special thanks was also given to Karen Stearne for her assistance in resolving governance and other issues.

5. Report from Celebrate Old Downtown presented by Ron Charbonneau.

- Cruising on the Q, Springlicious 2018, special events on Saturday's from June 16 – September 1, Canada Day Parade and Santa Claus Parade are just some of the special events COD is working on for 2018.
- A new radio station 4680Q is an innovative broadcast platform to celebrate arts, heritage and culture that is interactive using live interviews, podcasts, streaming to build capacity within every medium of Niagara's growing talent. This new station is ready to be launched later this year.

6. New Business

- Joyce Morroco provided information on the Niagara GO Hub and Transit Stations Study. This is from the Transportation Steering Committee Updated (continued from TSC 3-2017) September 19, 2017. This exciting development will bring a lot of change to not only Queen Street but other areas with a future recommended station including a Beamsville Station Area. A priority would also be to provide better transportation for students attending both Brock University and Niagara College. The BIA needs to be ready for the changes this transportation system will bring to the Queen Street area.

6. Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Motion by: Matthew Aiello

Seconded by: Karen Stearne

Carried