

Walkerton BIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 15th, 2020

Location: Walkerton BIA - Zoom meeting **Time:** 8:37am

Attendance: (Quorum: 7/8) Jessie Bates, Director Present Kristen Bowman, Director Present Lindsay Hill, Manager (Staff, Non-Voting) Present Ashley Coleman, Director Present Anita Gathercole, Executive Director (Non-Voting) Absent Kym Hutcheon, Municipal Councillor Present Sharon Johnson, Director Present Lynn Beatty, Secretary (Staff, Non-Voting) Present Richard Popiez, Director Absent Nicole Schneider Present Randy Saunders, President Present

Also present were:

Paulette Peirol, Community Development Coordinator, Municipality of Brockton Staff Sarah Johnson, Jr. Deputy Clerk, Municipality of Brockton Staff Chris Peabody, Mayor, Municipality of Brockton Staff – Guest Speaker

1. Call to order

Randy Saunders, President called the meeting to order at 8:37am.

Guest speaker

Mayor Chris Peabody spoke on Stage 3 opening – Friday July 17th and outlined a few key components for businesses regarding the mandatory indoor masks, such as exemption for those that have medical conditions – cannot ask for proof and it is up to the store owner to recommend masks in their premises. He also mentioned a video is going to be posted on social media regarding stage 3. Discussion followed.

It was mentioned Grey Bruce Health has posters available for businesses to post on their door indicating a mask is required to enter as well as protocol. This information will be added to the newsletter and posted on Walkerton BIA Facebook as well printed out for businesses to pick up at the Walkerton BIA office. A Framework for Reopening Ontario - stage 3 full report will also be added to the newsletter.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the July 15, 2020 meeting. Moved by Kristen Bowman Seconded by Kym Hutcheon Carried.

3. Conflict of Interest/Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Approval of the June 10th, 2020 minutes

Moved by Kym Hutcheon Seconded by Sharon Johnson Carried.

5. Business arising from the minutes.

None.

6. Accounts Payable

6.1 Motion to pay April/May/June 2020 bills

Moved by Kym Hutcheon Seconded by Ashley Coleman Carried.

6.2 Motion to accept General Ledger

Move to next meeting.

7. Ongoing Business

Lindsay reporting this under BIA Office updates.

8. Reports/Updates

8.1 BIA Office - Lindsay Hill

Lindsay spoke on the video's we are doing with businesses and posting them on social media – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. As well as the drone flying over downtown and other streets in Walkerton – having it part of the Brockton virtual Canada Day video.

Lindsay mentioned that the Canada Summer Job application was accepted and in the process of hiring a student for the Tourist Information Officer position. She has called the contact from the Canada Summer Job for more details on contract.

Also mentioned was another donation of masks from Bruce Power.

Lease agreement

The lease is due at the end of July 2020 and Randy spoke with the landlord to confirm no rent increase if a 3 year lease is signed as of August 1st 2020. Discussion followed with a motion put forward to vote on staying in current location and signing the 3 year lease agreement. Vote counted 6 board members in favour of staying and signing lease agreement and 1 board member wanting to explore other options.

Motion carried with 6 to 1 to stay at current location and sign a 3 year lease agreement.

Kristen left meeting at 9:34am.

Façade Applications

An email was sent out with the attached applications from Kisses Lifeology, Axe N' Gear and A & R Music for approval. It was mentioned by a board member they did not receive the email with the applications and could not be part of the approval process.

Board has approved applications.

8.2 Brockton Council – Kym Hutcheon

Updated on new builds.

8.3 Community Improvement Committee – Ashley Coleman/Paulette Peirol

No update. Last meeting was February.

8.5 Economic Development Committee – Kym Hutcheon/Randy Saunders

Updating Brockton recovery plan for businesses.

Parkette is open.

9. Business Updates

It was mentioned that Schmidt's Paving Ltd. is celebrating their 30 year anniversary in businesses.

The All Natural Soap Company is moving to The Guest House.

10. New Business

To stop by TK's restaurant and meet the new owner's.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn July 15th meeting at 9:55am. Carried.

Next Meeting: August 12th, 2020 at 8:30am in the BIA Boardroom. Zoom meeting.