



Minutes of the Ancaster Board (ABIA) Meeting April 15th, 2024 at 7:00p.m. at Hammill House.

Present: Diane Price, Joel Newman, Jason Wynne, Jennifer Mattern, Ivana Fortino, Jane Steinberg, Milap Bedi, Chris Markou, Councillor Cassar

Regrets: Casie FitzGibbon, Ryan MacDonald, Patricia Macnaughton

Also present:

Executive Director - Heather Peter

1. Chair, Diane Price called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

2. Additions made to the agenda.

No additions made to the agenda

3. Review and acceptance of the minutes from March 18th, 2024 .

No changes to the minutes from the previous month. Ivana Fortina moves and Jane Steinberg 2nds the motion. Approved. All in favour.

4. Financial Report – Joel Newman

We received an HST rebate that we need to decide where to allocate funds to.

Ivana Fortina moves and Milap Bedi seconds to move the \$7605.00 from the HST rebate to the Marketing budget.

5. Chair's Report – Diane Price

Community pantry and fridge questions and discussion. Unlike the foodbank you need to live within the area. Public can fill it at will. No monitoring. Vlasta's clothing. Length of memorial arts centre. She was also ok with a community garden. BIA would be in charge of it and it would be on her property. Gone for a year. Social media updates. Contact from the West Mountain. Heather – Spoke with Lydia at Vlasta's. Section beside is memorial arts centre – revamping that area. City could work that into the plan. Custom built wood. One on Locke Street and Ottawa is thriving. Would need a fridge. Maybe we could use the city's electricity.

Parking for RBC Open – May 27th to June 2nd. BIA will be responsible own parking. HGCC will have a session – May 1st, 6:30 to 8:00p.m for information.

Parking plan discuss for RBC Open. How can the BIA assist? Pylons, signage, volunteers?

6. Executive Directors Report – Heather Peter

Summer student grant – approved funding by MP Filomena Tassi. Heather and Renae will start the hiring process.

Audit underway, files accepted by city.

My Main Street Grant – Applied for. A weekly music event Sundays in August "Health and Harmonies" to integrate service and health based businesses.

Marketing – CHCH Remotes will be Monday June 3, Monday October 28th. BIA members have responded to our external email and participants will be chosen randomly. Heather will send this out again / try to door knock to get more interest.

Radio station: Jennifer Mattern moves and Milap Bedi seconds spending \$5600 on the radio station's (Bounce) marketing proposal. All in favour. Motion approved.

May RAM Feature with Hamilton Ec Dev.

Beautification.

Community Clean Up – Friday April 26th. Still looking for volunteers.

Benches. Classic displays – 1325.00 plus HST and delivery. Plus installation. Discussion follows regarding benches / picnic tables in front of Fire Hall / Kari's. Heather to explore options.

Jane's Walk – Bob Maton running a historical tour – Reach out to the Historical Society too. Could we do a BIA walk? Discussion

Door's Open – Saturday May 4th, 2024 – Mother's Day events – pictures at Memorial arts centre. Brad the Photographer can do this for \$500.00. Jane Steinberg moves and Milap Bedi seconds the motion to approve the amount of \$500 for the photographer on Door's open as a 'Mother's Day' event.

Farmer's market – mostly full. Discussion on contract. Acceptable for now. Motion to Jennifer Mattern and Jason Wynne seconds the motion to approve the market contract. All in favour. Motion approved.

Heritage Day – Parade has been applied. Looking for volunteers. Giveaways? Candy with BIA info on it.

RBC – Coordinating Golf Bags for the Canadian Open. Marketing materials in Brochures.

Chris Markou provided information about the Ancaster Heritage Days soccer tournament. 180 Teams from out of town. June 7th, 8th and 9th. Intro packs to coaches / players. Largest grass roots soccer. Discussion surrounding.

Canada Day – Drone show on track. SEAT Application put through and drone company confirmed.

7. Councillor's Remarks

Update on Cyber security. Going to take months to 1 year to figure things out.

Drone show June 29th, 2024. – Was mentioned at previous Council meeting. They will use it as research for fireworks replacement.

Ontario Land Tribunal – developers lost – 8 stories at Academy and Wilson. You can't go ahead with that development. Potential impact on corner of Rousseau and Wilson, to be seen. Ongoing for Academy and Wilson.

Parking review is ongoing. Delivering end of next month. They are working on it. Going to the city every Monday for 6 weeks. Submit a hard copy.

8. Next meeting date: May 13, 2024. Moved to adjourn the meeting.

9. Adjournment – Jane Steinberg **MOVED** that the meeting be adjourned. Ivana Fortino **SECONDED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.