

Markham Village B.I.A.
2007 Annual General Meeting – Tuesday February 6, 2008
Duchess of Markham – 6 pm

Present: Barb Tayler, Joanne Olson, Les Olson, Wil Pialagitis, Amy Pialagitis, Karen Piper, Diane Kobelansky, Richard Langlois, Elaine Vollett, Brian Price, Paul Cicchini, Roger Clements, John Webster, Roger Carlsen, Vic Hartman, Bill & Tracy Kaltabanis, Jan Rapoport, Brad Rapoport, Roger Clements, Paul Ewald, Phil Howes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

DECLARATION OF TAX AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

Councilor Webster asked if we are meeting our taxation and environmental obligations. Manager Phil responded that to the best his knowledge and abilities the BIA is meeting all required obligations.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Councillor Webster made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting. Diane seconded the motion. Minutes passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Phil Howes presented an Interim financial report for the year ended January 31, 2007. The report shows a deficit of \$17,119 for the year, includes some one time charges to write off 2006 Accts Receivables from the Village Voice of \$7,272. Phil pointed out that this Interim Report does not include the 2007 botanical charge of \$22,000. If we are required to pay this charge then the actual deficit will rise to \$39,117. Motion to accept the Financial Report by Diane Kobelansky, seconded by Brian Price, Carried

BOTANICAL CHARGE

Discussion was held on the cost and merits of the botanical program and the current status of discussions with the Town on this program. Motion made by Karen Piper to reduce the amount of flowers on the street in order to decrease or eliminate the cost. Seconded by Barb Tayler. Carried. Roger Clements asked that it be noted that he requests that we ask to town to reimburse for prior years' charges as well.

BIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chairman Will reported that we had 2 resignations from the Board this year – Brad Hainschwang and Paul Ewald. Chairman Wil thanked Brad and Paul for their past contributions. Chairman Wil then reported that a nominating committee had proposed the following as replacements directors:

- Diane Kobelansky – Tangerine Gecko Art Galley
- Joanne Olson – Village Pottery Studio

Chairman Will then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, motion made by Councilor Webster to close nominations for the Board of Management. Seconded by Phil Howes. Carried.

Motion by Brian Price to accept the elect the proposed nominations to the BIA Board of Management. Seconded by Barb Tayler. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Downtown Markham: Phil reported that he has been concerned about the use of the term Downtown Markham to refer to the new development at Warden & Hwy 407, instead of our heritage area. Discussion followed.
Action: Councillor Webster suggested that Phil should write a letter to him about this issue and he would have it introduced in the Development Services committee meeting.
2. Environmentally Friendly Shopping Bags: Barb Tayler and Karen Piper suggested that they would like to have environmentally friendly shopping bags branded Main Street Markham for everyone to use on the street.
Action: Barb, Karen & Vic Hartman to acquire pricing of environmentally friendly bags for the BIA board to consider.
3. Sponsorship: Diane Kobelansky reported that she is working on developing sponsorship opportunities in order to raise funds to finance more events on Main Street Markham.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn by Councillor Webster at 8:05 pm. Carried