

Markham Village B.I.A.
2008 Annual General Meeting – Wednesday February 18, 2009
The Mug & Truffle Chocolate Café – 7 am

Present: Avery Rhijnsburger, Shaun Kelly, Saeid Targhi, Joe Guiffre, Vince Guiffre, Joanne Olson, Les Olson, Wil Pialagitis, Karen Piper, Diane Kobelansky, Richard Langlois, Brian Price, Paul Cicchini, Roger Clements, Councillor Carolina Moretti, Councillor John Webster, Roger Carlsen, Vic Hartman, Tracy Kaltabanis, Jan Rapoport, Brad Rapoport, Roger Clements, Sharon Wilcken, Phil Howes

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Diane Kobelansky called the meeting to order at 7:11 am

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.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Chair requested that members advise of any conflicts of interest as they arise throughout the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motion by Wil Pialagitis to approve the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting. Seconded by Roger Carlsen. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

- 2007 Audited Financial Statements

The audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 were presented. The report shows a surplus of deficit of \$37,352 for the year, however it was noted that the botanical charge of \$22,000 which is represented on the audited statements was reversed by the Town in 2008 as a credit to Street Beautification expense during 2008.

Motion to approve the 2007 audited financial statements by Roger Carlsen, seconded by Shaun Kelly. Carried

- 2008 Interim Financial Statement.

An interim financial statement was provided for the year ended December 31, 2008. The interim report shows a surplus of 2145 for the year.

Motion to accept the interim 2008 financial statements by Paul Cicchini seconded by Brian Price. Carried

- 2009 Budget

The manager presented a proposed detailed and summary budget for 2009. The budget proposes a levy of \$202,183 which is the same as 2008.

Motion to approve the 2009 budget by Roger Clements, seconded by Paul Cicchini. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Markham Village Music Festival Sponsorship.

Discussion was held on the appropriateness of the BIA providing funding for this event when we are struggling to fund our own promotion activities.

2. Parking:

Brad Rapoport raised the issue of on street parking being taken all day by people who work on the street, and questioned what could be done to require them to park in one of the provided parking lots. Other members agreed.

Councillor Webster reported that the Town has a Parking Authority committee which is currently working on looking at all options including pay parking, and limited time parking. The Main Street Markham Environmental Assessment and improvements, when constructed, will also provide an opportunity to look at parking alternatives. He recommended that the BIA should form a parking committee to determine exactly what the BIA's position is and to seek representation on the Town Committee.

3. Festival of Lights and other events:

Saied Targha (Main's Mansion) and Joe Guiffre (The Wine Place) raised the issue of the value of events being held on Main Street Markham – particularly on a Saturday. They expressed opposition to the Festival of Lights event being held on Saturday. It was pointed out that the 2009 events schedule has to be determined in the fall of the year in order to get listings in the Town of Markham Calendar and other tourist information brochures published in Ontario, therefore the date had already been set for 2009.

4. Botanical Charge:

An update was provided on the current status of the Barrels and Baskets program. Town staff will be recommending the provision of 80% of the barrels and baskets on Markham Street Markham that were previously provided for which there would be no charge to the BIA. This is a very good thing. Any additions that the BIA would like would require the BIA to negotiate the price to be paid.

5. Presentation to Past Chairman Wil Pialigitis

Chairperson Diane made a presentation was made to Wil Pialigitis for his service on the BIA Board of Management and thanked Wil for his service as past Chairman.

ADJOURN:

Chairperson Diane thanked Brad and Jan of the Mug & Truffle Chocolate Café for hosting the meeting and thanked the members for coming and for their input. She also advised members that they were welcome to attend, and asked them to please take the time to attend at any Board of Management meeting. Board of Management meetings are always scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 am at the BIA office. Notice of the meetings and minutes of the meetings are also posted on the BIA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am