

MARKHAM VILLAGE B.I.A.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2022 9:00 AM
Via ZOOM Videoconference
Approved July 21 2022

Present:

Paul Cicchini (Chair)
Michelle McDermott
Councilor Karen Rea

Brian Rowsell (Secretary)
Tony Paul
Aly Daya

Staff: Heather Cook
Phil Howes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Paul Cicchini.

2. DECLARATION OF TAX AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

The board was advised by the Chair that to the best his knowledge and abilities the BIA is meeting all taxation and environmental obligations.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF March 16,2022 MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes of March 16 by Tony Paul, seconded by Michelle McDermott. Carried.

5. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING March 16,2022 MEETING

Motion to receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held March 28 by Tony Paul, seconded by Michelle McDermott. Carried

6. APPROVAL OF 2022 MVBIA BUDGET

Motion to approve MVBIA 2022 budget as presented at the Annual General Meeting by Tony Paul, seconded by Councilor Rea. Carried.

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7. FINANCIAL REPORTS – 2022 INTERIM OPERATING RESULTS

The interim operating results for the period ended March 31 were presented. We are still waiting for payment from Destination Markham for grants that were approved and accrued in 2021.

8. DISCUSSION RE: OUTDOOR PATIOS

Chairman Paul advised the Board that the city has changed the requirements for outdoor patios and canopies this year, and that the existing canopies that had been previously approved and allowed and erected at substantial expense will no longer be allowed. Councilor Rea advised that the rule change is a result of the end of the emergency measures act by the province which meant that standards that were relaxed during the pandemic have now been reinstated. The city has hired a consultant to find a work-around. Councilor Rea said she is trying to get this resolved.

9. OPERATIONS UPDATE

Heather provided an update on the upcoming event season which will begin with the Farmers' Market and Science Rendezvous on May 7. There is still room for one more farmer. She has also been meeting with the local retail businesses about a possible series of sidewalk sales to start at the end of the Farmers' Market season.

The Music Festival will be on the street again in June and Music on Main Fridays will also be happening again starting soon.

Heather is actively seeking out new grant opportunities to provide funding to increase these events. She has approval for a grant to support the Christmas market already.

10. STREETSCAPING

Paul advised the board that the city has installed the benches on the sidewalks but that they are facing the wrong way, and that they removed the winter garbage containers but have not yet replaced them with the heritage summer ones. Councilor Rea advised that there are supply issues and that a lot of the required product is on backorder.

11. PARKING ISSUES

Parking was discussed again as apparently the 60 Main Street building has made application to the committee of adjustment to revise the number of available parking spaces for general use, and time restrictions, and have begun enforcement with fines.

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12. IN-CAMERA SESSION

The meeting moved to an in-camera session at 9:48 am to discuss a confidential matter

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at the end of the In-Camera session.

NEXT MEETING – May 19 2022 9:00 am