

MARKHAM VILLAGE B.I.A.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 24, 2022 9:00 AM
Via ZOOM Videoconference
Approved January 26 2023

Present:

Paul Cicchini (Chair)	Brian Rowsell (Secretary)
Michelle McDermott	Tony Paul
Danny Imbrogno	Councilor Karen Rea
Councilor Andrew Keyes	

Staff: Heather Cook
Phil Howes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Chairman Paul Cicchini.

2. DECLARATION OF TAX AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

The board was advised by the Chair that to the best of 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 OCTOBER 27, 2022, MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes of October 22 by Michelle McDermott, seconded by Danny Imbrogno. Carried.

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS – 2022 INTERIM OPERATING RESULTS

The interim operating results for the period ended October 31 were presented. There were no significant variations from budgeted expectations to date. Councilor Rea requested a schedule of street closing expenses for events for a discussion with city staff.

6. EVENTS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS – HOLIDAY MARKET

Heather provided an update on the preparations for the Festival of Lights on Friday (tomorrow) November 25 and the Holiday Market on Friday and Saturday. Everything is progressing as planned and the market tent is being installed right now. The Christmas tree has been decorated and fireworks have been arranged.

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The Holiday Market will be opening 1 hour before the parade ends and will remain open until 5 pm.

The existing evergreen tree in the parkette was inspected by City staff and they reported that it is still healthy and suitable for decorations for the Festival and Holiday season.

HALLOWEEN

Board members discussed the success of the Halloween event held on October. The foot traffic on the street was very high and generally it was felt that this event was very successful – if not for all businesses certainly for some. We needed a lot more candy.

7. GENERAL DISCUSSION

NEW BUSINESSES – NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUES.

Discussion was held on new businesses opening up in the BIA district, specifically massage therapist, that do not appear to be properly licenced either professionally or by city bylaw requirements. Many are also using non-heritage approved signs and external lighting. There was discussion on how to bring these businesses into compliance, but no action steps were agreed upon.

PATIOS & TENTS

Chairman Paul again reported that he has been actively working with City staff regarding extended patios and tents next spring already and has been having difficulty getting any response to a request for meeting. He again noted his disappointment with the City policies and lack of support for local small businesses compared with many other municipalities on Ontario.

TRUCK TRAFFIC: Chairman Paul again reported that there is a significant increase in unlawful truck traffic using Main Street. Councilor Rea advised that this was a York Regional Police issue offered to send an email to staff regarding this issue.

144 MAIN ST. DEVELOPMENT

No update was provided

OFFICE RENOVATION

Heather reported that the renovations to the office are now underway and that funding will be covered by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TERM EXPIRY

Secretary Brian advised the Board that the term of office of the current Board has officially expired with the appointment of the newly elected Council for the City of Markham. It will be necessary to elect a slate of Directors for the 4 year term at the Annual General Meeting.

2023 MVBIA OPERATING BUDGET

Secretary Brian advised the Board the work has started on preparation for the 2023 budget and MVBIA levy which required approval at the Annual General Meeting. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:57 am

NEXT MEETING – January 26, 2023 9:00 am