

**MARKHAM VILLAGE B.I.A.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 22, 2022 9:00 AM**  
**Via ZOOM Videoconference**  
**Approved October 27 2022**

Present:

Paul Cicchini (Chair)  
Michelle McDermott  
Councilor Karen Rea  
Aly Daya

Brian Rowsell (Secretary)  
Tony Paul  
Danny Imbrogno

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 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 JULY 21, 2022 MEETING**

Motion to approve the minutes of July 21 by Danny Imbrogno, seconded by Councilor Rea. Carried.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORTS – 2022 INTERIM OPERATING RESULTS**

The interim operating results for the period ended August 31 were presented. We are still waiting for payment from Destination Markham for grants that were approved and accrued in 2021. We expect it to be paid during September.

**6. EVENTS AND OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Heather provided an update on upcoming events and other news. Halloween of Main Street is scheduled for Saturday October 29. Chairman Paul reported that the cost of candy has increased dramatically, and availability is also an issue. Some members reported that they felt this event does nothing positive for their business even though it draws many people. It was noted that most people who came were just interested in the candy.

**MARKHAM VILLAGE B.I.A.**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 22, 2022 9:00 AM**  
**Via ZOOM Videoconference**  
**Approved October 27 2022**

**FILM SHOOT:** A film shoot that was scheduled without our knowledge at 3 Centre Street has now been cancelled and board members were happy to learn that it had been cancelled.

**SANTA CLAUS PARADE – FRIDAY NIGHT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

The Santa Claus parade is being held on Saturday November 26, therefore the Festival of Lights will be on Friday November 25. The parade will start to muster on Hwy 7 at 7:30 am.

The status of the existing evergreen tree in the parkette was discussed since the tree is obviously in distress and has lost a lot of its greenery and may not be suitable for Christmas lights. Councilor Rea offered to reach out to the works department to see if they can have a look at it.

The Christmas Market, which was very successful last year, is planned to be held again in the parking lot at Main & Robinson at the same time. Therefore, it is not clear where or how we can arrange for fireworks as there is very limited open space. Heather will investigate with the fireworks contractor.

**7. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**SIGNS:** Councilor Rea advised that she has asked by law enforcement to do a sign blitz on Main Street to identify and act on signs that do not meet the heritage requirements, specifically signs with electronic messaging. A letter will be worked on to advise BIA members that all signs must receive approval from Heritage Markham.

**NEW BUSINESSES OPENING:** Councilor Rea also advised that some new proposed businesses do not have the correct zoning and should not be allowed. The BIA area should be focusing on retail establishments.

Chairman Paul noted again his disappointment with the City policies and lack of support for local small businesses

**144 MAIN ST. DEVELOPMENT** There is a Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly Ontario Municipal Board) hearing scheduled for October 11 regarding this proposed development. Councilor Rea advised that the BIA has no standing at the hearing and that the proposed development is still a long way from final approvals, however they could start demolition of the existing buildings at any time.

**8. IN CAMERA SESSION**

The meeting moved to an In Camera Session 10:11 am

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

**NEXT MEETING** – **October 27, 2022 9:00 am**