



## Locke Street Business Improvement Area 2023 Annual General Meeting

### MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:** Modern Design Studio 215 Locke Street South AND

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**Attendance:** Bettina (Bread Bar), Judy (Judy Marsales Real Estate), Alex (Footprints Music), Rachel (Footprints Music), Dao (Modern design Studio), Thi (Modern Design Studio), Steve (Jewellery Judge), Chris (Democracy Coffee), Dwayne (Vintage Charm), Kirsten (), Samuel (Planted), Councillor Maureen Wilson, Andrew (Webster Financial), Dave (Webster Financial), Robyn (Nest), Carlo Gorni (City of Hamilton Economic Development), Tracy (Executive Director – recording)

**Date:** January 30, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**1.0 Call to Order.** Meeting called to order at 1:10pm with Bettina as Chair.

**2.0 Welcome.** Introductions from everyone in attendance.

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda.**

*Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Alex, seconded by Kirsten. Carried.*

**4.0 Declarations of Interest.** None.

**5.0 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 24, 2022.** *Motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022. Moved by Rachel, seconded by Alex. Carried.*

**6.0 City of Hamilton Ward 1 Update: Councillor Maureen Wilson**

- \$20000 lighting support WBIA & LBIA, lighting and electrical from Ward 1 funding
- Patios program continue as permanent program
- Sidewalks plowed on bus lines
- LRT contract in 2 parts – second part done by consortium and above rail. LRT Main Street west of 403 in this section on King St, crossover at Dundurn
- Carlo from City Economic development will discuss City supportive programs
- Maureen + 2 others appointed to BIA coordinator role.
- Small business critical part of Hamilton economy and many women enter realm of ownership, anything in realm of ownership.
- enjoy working with Tracy (Maureen & Stephanie)
- Discussion about pedestrian safety, crossing the street, and zebra paintings. Councillor always open to making things better for more people. Would be done in partnership with residents, AODA requirements, Municipality bound by laws

- and rules for lights and pedestrian crosswalks.
- Suggestion for speed bumps – not good for main street within BIA – deliveries, horse & carriage, buses, fire trucks, etc.
- Safe Streets review and public meeting to come with input

## **7.0 Executive Director's Update - Review of 2022 and looking ahead to 2023**

Summary review of events and activities in 2022.

Agreement to transition away from The Generator and move to Executive Director  
Doing the Locke Street social media.

***Motion to transition away from The Generator at the end of February and Tracy managing the social media for Locke Street BIA starting March. Moved by Steve, seconded by Dao. Carried.***

Consultant to start with group interested in a strategy review for the BIA  
Dao, Rachel, Dwayne, Tracy to start sessions with Patty Hayes

## **8.0 Presentation of 2023 Operating Budget**

**Budget presented for discussion, as passed by Board.**

***Motion to accept the 2023 budget, moved by Alex, seconded by Steve. Carried.***

Thank you to David Church for providing storage space at no charge for BIA.  
Working on audit 2021 and accounting to finish and come up to current

## **9.0 Election of Board of Management 2023-2027**

Open call for nominations. No nominations received from the floor.

9 directors elected by acclamation.

More can be added at next Board meeting or at anytime.

Bettina Schormann - Earth to Table: Bread Bar

Brandon Stanicak - West Town Bar & Grill

Steve Knight - Jewellery Judge

Robyn Allen - Nest

Alex Hobcraft - Footprints Music

Rachael Amy Shay - Footprints Music

Dao Nguyen - Modern Design Studio

Andrew Webster - Webster Financial

Dwayne Cline - Vintage Charm

***Motion to approve the list of directors presented.***

***Moved by Samuel, seconded by Judy. Carried.***

## **10.0 Guest Presentations: Carlo Gorni, Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton**

Presentation on financial incentives for BIA businesses from the City of Hamilton.

Offered to BIA – community improvement plans – CIP for BIAs most recently passed Council.

Locke Street receiving grants – Goodness Me, Locke Street Garage @ Main, Donut Monster

246 Locke, 207 Locke Webster Financial. Approved projects.

Fall 2021 Commercial vacancy assistance – for tenants, matching up to \$10000 for permanent at or below grade in empty space. Amount dependent on lease.

## **11.0 New Business**

**Meetings will continue hybrid. Last MON month @ 1pm @ Modern Design.**

## **12.0 Adjournment of Meeting.**

***Motion to adjourn. Moved by Rachel. Carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:06pm.

Thank you Dao and Thi from Modern Design Studio for hosting.e