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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM
MCINTOSH COUNTRY INN & CONFERENCE CENTRE
MORRISBURG

Minutes

1. Call to Order @ 6:05

Morrisburg BIA Chair, David Lapp

Present: Heidi McKenzie (BIA coordinator), David Lapp, Kathy Moger, Laura Callery, Marguerite Baker, Victoria Windle, James Arsenault, Catherine Arsenault,), Tracey Veinotte, Arla Veinotte Cole Veinotte (Council rep), Rob Hunter (South Dundas Economic Development Officer), Rebecca Comfort (Morrisburg Leader)

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest : none declared

3. Adoption of Agenda (*additions/deletions*)

Suggested Motion by: Kathy Moger

Seconded by: Victoria Windle

*"**THAT**, the Morrisburg DBIA 2023 Annual General Meeting agenda be adopted as presented/amended."*

Passed

4. Welcome & Acknowledgement of Special Guests

Morrisburg BIA Chair, David Lapp

5. Welcome Remarks from Mayor & Council

Councillor Cole Veinotte

Wanted to let the BIA know that economic development is a high priority for the current council and that please feel free to email or call council members with questions or concerns.

6. Board of Management Elections

South Dundas Economic Development Officer, Rob Hunter

- Call for Nominations from the Floor for the positions of
- Chair: David Lapp nominated by Victoria Windle, seconded by Kathy Moger, Vice-Chair: Kathy Moger nominated by David Lapp, seconded by Victoria Windle Secretary: Victoria Windle nominated by David Lapp, seconded by Laura Callery

Treasurer: James Arsenault nominated by David Lapp, seconded by Kathy Moger

Positions were accepted, carried and confirmed for a one (1) year term to coincide with the term of Council

Rob Hunter informed that if new person interested in regular board regular position they should be confirmed at the next BIA regular meeting and that prior to the meeting David or Heidi should contact any current members that have been consistently absent to determine their status moving forward.

7. Overview of Municipal and Economic Development Projects

South Dundas Economic Development Officer, Rob Hunter

- Rob highlighted the recent street scape project that was not completed as originally intended due to budget constraints but that hopefully can be built upon in the future
- Victoria asked about plan to improve the accessibility between the walking path and the mall. Cole stated that he would look at the distance and discuss with council the possibility of creating a small path from the current path to the parking lot north of the mall near the Beer Store
- Rob also mentioned the closing of the land sale to the north of Highway 2 to Sofia which will hopefully have a plant up and running in 2 years and employ 150 people
- Tomlison recently purchased the old Port of Morrisburg to the east of the village and has been doing remediation
- Ross Video expansion in Iroquois almost ready for occupancy
- Municipality is participating in a Counties Growth Study to identify lands that could be used to expand business opportunities
- Victoria asked about support for current businesses and specifically parking lot improvements and Cole stated that that is a priority for council but he doesn't have any information that he can share currently. Kathy suggested that council coordinate with the owner of the plaza containing Cook's Corner and Cole confirmed that that will be considered.

8. 2023 Budget

Morrisburg BIA - David Lapp and Heidi Mackenzie

Rob clarified that the -\$11,150 reserve funds was half of the current reserve funds and being used to offset an increase in levy for the 2023 tax year

Suggested Motion by: Victoria Windle

Seconded by: Laura Callery

"THAT, the Morrisburg DBIA accept the 2023 Budget as presented."

9. New Business update: David Lapp

Last year BIA was able to place flowers in the summer, BIA coordinator, Heidi MacKenzie was hired, discussions took place with council on how to save on

operating costs (currently investigating sharing space with the SD Chamber of Commerce), last summer the board participated in a break out work shop to identify areas of importance to focus on in the near future, looking into median beautification project similar to Iroquois Plaza, Heidi has applied for 4 summer student positions and will know in early April if got funding)

Tracey Veinotte expressed interest in joining the board and was nominated by Victoria Windle and seconded by Marguerite Baker
Arla Veinotte expressed interest in joining the board and was nominated by Marguerite Baker and seconded by Laura Callery

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10. Adjournment

Suggested Motion by: James Arsenault

Seconded by: Marguerite Baker

***THAT**, the Morrisburg DBIA 2023 Annual General Meeting be adjourned at __6:53__ pm.*

Next meeting April 4th 5:15 in BIA office.