

Durham BIA AGM Minutes

4 April 2022, 7pm: held via Zoom

Attendees: Steve Morel (Exec member), Doug Hutchinson (Council representative), Kathy Chiu (Treasurer), Connie MacEwan (Vice-chair), Nereda Manion (exec member), Kate Coburn (Bath & Biscuit), Tim Dyck (chair), Barb Dyck (The Colour Jar), Kevin Bossi

Welcome and introduction by Tim Dyck (chair). Take-out from Rocky Raccoon cafe was enjoyed.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Kathy, seconded by Kate; carried.

Minutes from last year: Motion to approve from Connie, seconded by Steve; carried.

Business arising from the minutes: West Grey accessibility committee has not yet spoken with individual businesses that would be candidates for ramp access from the sidewalk. The collection of business contact information has not been successful so far.

West Grey report (Doug): Tim thanked Doug for his willing communications and assistance this year, and regular attendance at meetings. Doug congratulated the exec for their hard work and is looking forward to good things to come. Items of note: 1. locally made new metal street furniture is completed and will be installed as soon as is viable. 2. Garafraxa bridge maintenance is scheduled for the summer, including during Homecoming, and will restrict traffic to one lane. 3. Gardens / Greenspaces committee has been formed and will be in charge of downtown flowers. 4. CIP program uptake led to 350k in economic investment. 5. Trails committee is in formation and will eventually link 6km of trails around town. 6. Lions park (old rail bridge) will likely be done for Homecoming. 7. Banner program is being implemented for the summer, featuring design winners.

Homecoming 150: Connie reported that the chocolate bar fundraiser was very successful, and the next batch of bars is ready for selling. Connie is on the parade subcommittee and will attend to the BIAs concerns. Tim pointed out that the new exec will need to decide how to proceed with linking Arts Fest.

Budget: Kathy presented the reports. Connie moved to approve the budget with the following modifications: include a line for Frazzlefest \$500, reduce Christmas promo to \$500, include chocolate bar fund line, and increase advertising (social media) to \$600

Nominations/elections: Current executive continuing: Steve Morel, Connie MacEwan, Kathy Chiu, Nereda Manion. Newly elected by vote: Kate Coburn, Susan Tremble. Tim Dyck is stepping down.

Next exec meeting: 5 May, 2022 at 7pm, at The Cooperators.

Adjourned at 8:20pm.