



Meeting Minutes
Board of Management
December 12, 2023: HDTC-BIA Office

Attendance: Nancy Dudley-Co-Chair; Connie Beneteau (BIA); Clair Culliford (Secretary); Anthony Wilson (Ec. Dev.); Sergeant Rene Cowell (CK Police); Curtis Lemieux (Willy's Cannabis Supply Co.); Jen Acampora (Apollo Properties); Zac Owen (property owner); and Paul Shettell (Treasurer)
Unable to attend: Lucinda Harp (Boardwalk Condos); Liz Nauta (Myrtles Flower Market); Ken Labonte CK Fire; Jim Carrington (Co-Chair) and Andrew Thiel.

Nancy called the meeting to order and let everyone know that this is our “thank-you” meeting.

Nancy asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was first made by Paul and seconded by Jen; all were in favour. Motion carried.

Sergeant Renee Cowell reviewed the monthly status report for the downtown area. YTD for 2023 had 864 incidents where 2022 had 629. The Chatham-Kent Police continue to work with social disorders. At our last meeting (AGM), Sergeant Cowell tried to educate the group on the reality of social disorders. Also, that there are working on a CPTED for the Tecumseh Park. Clair asked for clarification on the definition of social disorder. Some words were identified but not limited to personal welfare, liquor license, unwanted persons and overdose. There were some additional questions about the severity or the violence in nature. Clair was referencing a letter to the editor in a local paper that made the downtown look very bad. Sergeant Cowell said, that is why we try to educate the public and change the perception.

A motion was made to approve the Police Report first by Clair and seconded by Paul. All were in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Previous Board Meeting Minutes: (Oct. 2023). Seeing not we moved on.

A motion was made to accept the Previous Board Meeting Minutes first by Jen and second by Zac. All were in favour and Meeting Minutes were approved.

Nancy asked if there were any declaration of conflict of interest? Seeing none, we moved onto the Board Reports.

Board Reports

Co-Chair: Nancy Dudley: Nothing to add currently.

Secretary: Clair Culliford: also, as it was the end of the year had nothing to add.

Office Update: Connie: Currently working on RetroFest for next year. She has written grants and met with some sponsors. Also, of the work will start up in the new year. Connie would like to see the work on replacing the mural on 4th street continue in 2024. We had ½ the proposed money needed for such a large mural and now that it is a new year, we should be able to raise the rest. The murals moving forward would need a lifecycle (repair or change to murals) incorporated into the budget each year moving forward. We would require a contract with the building owner.

We would require a procedure of how we would acquire local artists and duration or rotation of new panels of artist. Zac said that he would like to look at a mural idea for the side of his building and wanted to know how that could occur.

Currently we were looking at 4th Street because it was an 'eye-sore' and is falling down and part of our mandate is beautification. So even though the original mural is not our responsibility and was first drafted or contracted up by the Chamber of Commerce and the business owner, it is now an issue for our downtown with no one else taking responsibility for them as they are past their contracts original set. Perhaps some of the ownership needs to go back to the building owner. For sure, we need to have contracts drawn up.

Treasurer: Paul Shettell reviewed the budget.

CK Council and CK Fire Rep were both predisposed of to another meeting initiated by the Friends of Tecumseh Park.

Anthony – **Ec. Dev** asked that we set up a meeting in 2024 over the conversation with security and / or Special Constable and / or Social Workers. It does seem like several groups are talking about different initiatives instead of collaborating together as well all want the same but working separate. Anthony was asked about the 12 Downtowns of CK. Nancy showed the video and all really liked the playful and fun ideas it portrayed of different downtowns in Chatham-Kent.

A motion was made to approve the board reports first by Clair and second by Zac. All were in favour. Reports were approved.

Nancy asked if there were any new businesses to report? Seeing none, she asked for a motion to adjourn.

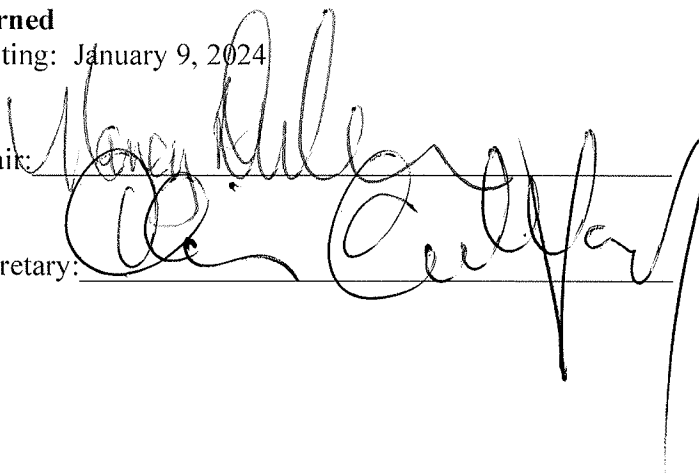
A motion was made to adjourn, first by Paul and second by Jen. All were in favour and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Board Meeting: January 9, 2024

Signature of Chair:

Signature of Secretary:

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