



**PRESTON STREET BIA
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
MINUTES**

Attendance: Denis Matte, Cristina Forieri, Antonella Ceglia, Amanda Papalia, Steve Moffatt, April Miller, Catherine McKenney, Lori Mellor

Absent: Mario Giannetti, Brian Murray, Genevieve Dowling,

1. Moved by:
Seconded by:
2. **Approval of Agenda:**
Moved by:
Seconded by:

3. Chairman's Report:

3.1 Bike Race Update:

Mario, Denis, Amanda, Antonella and Lori met with Doug Corner and David Bilenky from the Bike Race Ottawa (BRO) group to outline the concerns raised by our membership. BRO responded that they would meet and come back to us with some solutions. Since that meeting, BRO has been in contact with the BIA office, and would like to meet directly with the impacted business owners to try to resolve the issues. This meeting will be scheduled toward the end of October. After that meeting, the outcome will be presented to the Board.

3.2 Election Rules and Proxy:

The Board had a lengthy discussion on the procedures for our elections. Two areas were of particular concern. The first is how we define who is eligible for Membership, and whether or not Sub-lessees are able to vote. The determination is that only primary lessees will be considered to have membership and hence be eligible to vote or run for the Board.

As well, the Board discussed pros and cons of allowing vote by Proxy during the election. It was agreed that Proxy vote will be allowed and the following Motion was passed.

MOTION: That the Board of Directors allow Vote by Proxy in the Election to take place on January, 15, 2019.

Moved by: Steven Moffatt

Seconded by: Amanda Papalia

Unanimously accepted.

3.3 Queensway Lighting Committee: The MTO will be replacing the Queensway overpass over Preston Street between 2019 and 2020. This will require that the Heritage Mural is taken down, to be replaced once the new bridge is in place. This gives us the opportunity to re-think how we are mounting the murals, and our lighting program (bollards). Would any Board Members be interested in taking the lead on looking at options for the lighting? Antonella and Cristina volunteered to take this on.

3.4 Night Lights, November 17-18: Dems and Doll have begun building new pieces and promoting the event through their social media channels. It was suggested that a Facebook Event Page be set up for this.

3.5 Autumn Street Décor: The installation will begin this week and will remain until after Hallowe'en.

3.6 Census Update: The Census has been completed. The report has been shared by email with the Board.

3.7 Wifi: The BIA has been approached by a WIFI service provider to see if there is interest from the BIA in providing free WIFI service along the street. The ED has approached several of our smaller businesses to learn if this would be of benefit to them and was told that they are already able to offer free wifi through their point of sale technology, so they do not see value in this.

4. Councillor's Report:

4.1 Postponement of LRT: The Councillor advised the Board that the City was looking into reverting the bus schedule and routes back to what they were prior to the changes made in anticipation of the LRT being running on its original schedule.

4.2 Lebreton Development: A 65 storey tower has been approved for Lebreton Flats. Preston Street will be extended into the Flats. The design's early plans look good. They feature a small street grid, good public space, pedestrian-friendly and the Hockey Rink is still a significant part of the plan.

4.3 Re-routing of Trillium Path: Has been deferred as the bridge replacement is delayed.

4.4 Public works needs: a) Steve Moffatt asked the Councillor's assistance in having repairs made to the sidewalk on Aberdeen where the concrete has heaved. b) Denis asked that Forestry advise us what their plan is to replace dead and dying trees in the public right of way. c) Lori asked for assistance in have repairs done along Preston particularly between Young and Aberdeen Streets on the west side where pavers have been broken, lifted or removed.

5. Financial Report: The August Financial report was attached to the Minutes package.

6. Other

Carry forward items

1. Improved Business Directory entry on website- in progress.
2. Vinyl Wraps- Completed
3. Census- Completed
4. Porchfest- Completed
5. Election Rules- Completed
6. Policy for Disposal of Property- Completed
7. Presdelicious- Completed
8. Bambini flag replacement and L'Italia
9. DiscoSkate Night
10. Queensway Bridge replacement, lighting and electrical plan.
11. Bollard repair (under Queensway)
12. Treelight maintenance
13. Graffiti management
14. Albert Archway location and design partnership.
15. Retail Gap Strategy
16. Boundary Expansion