



Downtown Port Colborne BIA- Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 21, 2023, - 6:30 pm
BIA Office - Main Training Room- Port Cares Admin Building
92 Charlotte St, Port Colborne

MINUTES

Attendance: Jesse Boles, Rosemari Poisson, Morgan MacLean, Larry Beverly, Harry Hamilton, and Norbert Gieger.

Staff: Sarah English and Mary-Lou Ambrose-Little.

Regrets: Ed Cleveland, Taylor Mynlieff, Councillor Dave Elliot, and Anna Maria Fazzari.

City Liaison: Olga Loeffen.

Welcome

Jesse Boles, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Call to Order- Jesse called the meeting to order however quorum was not met.

Declaration of pecuniary interest

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

In the absence of a quorum, adjourning the above items until April 2023 meeting.

Tugboat Bunny- Happening on April 8th downtown on West St via tugboat and traveling to the Vale Centre. Please see the Events Committee Minutes from the March meeting.

Grant Updates- Mary-Lou provided an update on the following grants and their progress.

Summer Jobs Grant- Should hear an update in the coming weeks on its status.

Red Grant- Asked for \$100,000

City Grant Program- Received \$1,200

Tourism Relief Fund- Got \$10,000 and although the storm ruined initial plans, we are still ok.

Sponsorship for Harvest Fest- CNP acting as a sponsor. Provided \$500.

Applied to Bertie Clinton Insurance Community Programs.

Federal Grants are available for Local Community Festival and Cultural Spaces – plan to apply for them.

Accessibility Grant- Mary-Lou advised that we will be applying for funding to improve the market square area and access to King George Park. (Curb-cut improvements and permanent washroom)

StepArts Public Art Program - Magic Windows- Install happened and it is on now. Fred Davies did a nice post on it. Also, some wonderful murals are happening around town by Megan Bennett, at Walters Neptune and The Belmont.

Downtown Safety- Discussed the idea of hosting another meeting to discuss issues happening downtown. A collaborative effort is needed. Information to have available can be published in a pamphlet to be available. Looking at all options including updating Resources and connecting with Judo Club. Focus on helping businesses by equipping them with the tools.

Canal Days should be finalized in early April. Morgan to update everyone at the April meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report

No Report

Councillor's Report

Verbal Report

Events

Written Report

Governance

No Report

Marketing

Minutes available in the meeting package

Staff Reports

Minutes available in the meeting package

Treasurer's Report

No report

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:30 PM