



Teleconference Meeting

Unionville BIA

Date: Wednesday, April 15th ,2020

BIA BOARD MEMBERS	In Attendance	Regrets
Niina Felushko	Yes	
Natasha Usher	Yes	
Shibani Sahney	Yes	
Rob Kadlovski	Yes	
Roger Kanda	Yes	
Tony Lamanna	Yes	
Sylvia Morris	No	
Sarah Isles	Yes	

Executive Director: Sara Sterling
City: Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Ward 3 Councillor Reid McAlpine

Call to order by Chair Niina Felushko - At 10:06 am
Motion to start the meeting by Shibani Sahney
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Tony Lamanna
All were in favour

Chair Niina Felushko: Before the meeting can begin officially, we need to pass an amendment to By-Law No.1 to allow participation electronically due to current situation and Markham-imposed Emergency Measures. Sara has circulated the written amendment to everyone (see bottom of minutes) for all to preview.

Motion to amend By-Law No.1 per amendment submitted

Motion by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Tony Lamanna
All were in favour



Approval of March 5 2020 Meeting Minutes including February 2020 Financials Motion by Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Tony Lamanna
All were in favour

Financials: Chair Niina Felushko

KPMG audit suggested an amendment to include the receivables of \$5500 that we will be receiving in 2020. We received a payment of \$1000 on March 31st. Another \$1000 is expected on April 30th, and \$450 is expected in May.

Approval of the amended 2019 financials

Motion by Rob Kadlovski
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine
All were in favour

March 2020 financials

The March financials show we are not spending much at all given the current situation, and with events being cancelled. The 2020 budget is being revised to reflect this and will be sent to the Board for approval asap, another meeting will be called to approve.

Approval of March 2020 financials

Motion by Natasha Usher
Seconded by Sarah Isles
All were in favour

City Update: Councillor Reid McAlpine

Councillor McAlpine said that there are no penalties or Interest Charges on property taxes until Dec 31st, 2020.

The municipal government has no power over the landlords to pass this benefit to the tenants. It cannot be enforced.

Electricity: The weekend rate 24/7 for commercial as well as residential consumption.

Water: The 7.8% increased rate has been removed for now.

Property tax: This is relative to the property prices which are reassessed every four years. For now this has been delayed by a year.

Tony Lamanna requested Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton and Councillor Reid McAlpine to carry forward the request to reduce the property tax.



Executive Director Update: Sara Sterling

Unionville Market: As of now we plan to start the market at the beginning of August for 10 weeks as a pilot project. We will not be charging the vendors until 2 weeks before just in case things do not improve due to Covid-19.

Banners on the street: As the current banners are ripped and torn we have gotten a quote on printing and re-installing new banners. I am discussing a Call For Artists with Rachel from Varley Art Gallery, to design something artistic that will highlight local artists and local businesses at the same time. We will be looking for sponsors to pay a certain amount to have their logos on the banners. A subcommittee will be formed to review submissions, Tony has indicated he is interested in joining.

Website/Social: Sara has been updating the website for businesses offering pickup, delivery and remote services – we have been promoting this list as well as individual stores and restaurants on social media as well.

New items:

Tony brought up the idea for no parking during social distancing. After a brief conversation, all agreed it was a good idea. Tony also asked Councillor McAlpine to discuss with City staff the possibility of a North/South lane split of the road like has been discussed in the past. The Councillor agreed he would bring it up and get feedback from the Operations department.

Motion to amend the Main Street Unionville parking by-law: To not allow any parking on either side of the street during emergency and social distancing measures enacted by the City of Markham.

Motion by Tony Lamanna
Seconded by Rob Kadlovski
All were in favour

Natasha Usher suggested an Instagram wall to show people that they are safe to travel to Unionville after the lockdown has been lifted. All liked the idea - Sara will investigate options and report back.

Meeting adjourned : at 11:20 am
Motion by Rob Kadlovski
Seconded by Natasha Usher
All were in favour

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 10AM



A BY-LAW to Amend Unionville Business Improvement Area
BY-LAW No.1 January 2014, Procedural BY-LAW

Participation During a State of Emergency

WHEREAS Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, requires every municipality and local board to pass a procedural by-law governing the calling, place, and proceedings of meetings; and,

AND WHEREAS the Board of Management for the Main Street, Unionville Business District Improvement Area (the “Board”) being a local board of the City of Markham for all purposes, deems it expedient to pass such a by-law;

AND WHEREAS Section 238(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, allows for a municipality’s procedural by-law to permit a member of council, a local board, or a committee to participate electronically in a meeting which is open or closed to the public and be counted in towards quorum during an emergency declared to exist in all or part of the municipality under Section 4 or Section 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act; and,

WHEREAS the Board considers it necessary to establish procedures to facilitate transparent and accountable decision-making required for the continuity of Board operations and the provision of essential municipal services during a declared state of emergency;

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. That By-law No. 1 is hereby amended such that:

1.1 The following definition be added to Section 1, Definitions::

“State of Emergency” means a situation in which an emergency has been declared to exist in all or part of the City of Markham by the Mayor under Section 4 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Premier of the Province of Ontario under Section 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

1.2 The following Section 13.3 be inserted and all subsequent sections of the by-law be re-numbered accordingly:

13.3 Electronic Meeting Participation

During a State of Emergency, Members may participate in a Meeting that is open or closed to the public by means of electronic communications and such members shall be counted towards quorum subject to the following conditions:

(a) Matters of discussion at the Meeting shall be those necessary for the continued administration of the Board and/or the provision of essential services.

(b) The Meeting shall be one of the Board.

(d) The Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with the administrative procedures established by the Executive Director for facilitating electronic participation.