



**Unionville BIA Board Meeting - Minutes**

**Date: Wednesday June 21st, 2023**

**In Person - Varley Art Gallery**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Liam O'Dette, Sylvia Morris, Kimberly Wake, Tony Lamanna, Niina Felushko, Shibani Sahney, Liu Yan, Councillor Reid McAlpine and Deputy Mayor Michael Chan

**Guests:** Karen O' Leary & Rachel D'Oliveira Fell from Varley Art Gallery

**Regrets:** Alan Mizrachi, Cesario Ginjo, Juyoun Hong

**Executive Director:** Sonia Chow

**Call to order:** By Chair Liam O'Dette at 9:34am

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve moved by Councillor Reid McAlpine

Seconded by Sylvia Morris

All were in favour

**Approval of Meeting Minutes, May 2023**

Motion to approve moved by Liam O'Dette

Seconded by Sylvia Morris

All were in favour

**Approval and update of Financials**

The financials for the period ending May 31st, 2023 were reviewed. This included the Revision of the one budget line being divided into two outlining the sponsorship and vendor fees separately.

Motion to approve moved by Sylvia Morris

Seconded by Tony Lamanna

All were in favour



**Update of the City of Markham by-law 2023-87 of the composition of the UBIA and approval of the UBIA by-law June 2023.**

Approval was received from the city to change the bylaw to 12 UBIA members. An email was sent out by Sonia Chow with details.

Motion to approve moved by Tony Lamanna  
Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine  
All were in favour

**Motion to extend the hours of Music on Main during summer evenings 6pm-9pm**

This topic was tabled and the Executive Director will check on sponsorship opportunities and possible additional budget for such, as UBIA should have surplus and longer hours during summer will help to bring more business to the Street. Sonia said she will get back the board in the following week to proceed.

**Old Tyme Christmas - Objectives and Format**

There was discussion around potential ideas for this coming year including breakfast with Santa, how to improve the parade and special offers by vendors on the street.

Budget, past numbers and what future costs may look like were also touched upon.

Ultimately, there will need to be a sub committee formed in order to build this plan out further. UBIA members and merchants should be included in the participation. This will be reviewed further before the next meeting.

**Motion to Create Sub-Committees:**

A motion was made to create sub-committees for the following areas  
Retail Action Plan, Accessibility & Inclusivity, Old Tyme Christmas and The Revitalization.  
It was presented that UBIA members are required to join at least one of these committees.

Sonia will send an email with a link for sign-up to sub-committees.

Motion to approve moved by Liam O'dette  
Seconded by Sylvia Morris  
All were in favour.



### **City & Streetscape Updates:**

Councillor Reid McAlpine advised there is currently nothing new to report other than the fact that work for 2023 went for tender but there will not be final dates or timing until the Tender and vendor has been selected.

There were motions moved regarding garbage on the street.

1. For more garbage disposal cans on the street.
2. For the staff of the businesses on the street to be more careful when disposing /changing garbage not to dribble and let debris be overflowing on the street.

(In Particular at the top of the stairs where the furniture for seating is located).

Motion to approve Moved by Niina Felushko

Seconded by Sylvia Morris

All were in Favour.

Speed and bylaw enforcement required in front and behind starbucks due to vehicles driving too fast. It is a major safety issue. Councillor Reid McAlpine has promised to address this with the City. It was also noted that the vendors should call the YRP.

UBIA should seek an update from Mike with regards to bylaws pertaining to extending patios/ permits as well as A-Frame signage. What has been implemented and what are the steps if not abided by (ie/warning within 72 hours or impounded). The condition of the buildings and signs on the street should also be addressed.

A Motion to request council to modify A-Frame bylaw to one per business on private property was made.

Motion to approve moved by Tony Lamanna

Seconded by Sylvia Morris

All were in Favour.

### **ED Report: Sonia Chow**

We have covered most items during meeting discussions.

Thursday Night at the Bandstand should have all required funding from the city and sponsors soon, Bill Dawson will be connecting us with his contacts.



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With regards to Canada Summer Jobs - no word back yet. Sonia will be following up on this. We are hoping to get 2-3 individuals via this program.

**Real Estate:** Sylvia Morris

105 - Second floor for lease \$6000

107 - Leased for \$4000

145 - still on the market - there has been showings

156- still on the market at \$2.980M 110 DOM 158 - Rental has leased

**Any Other Business:**

None.

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:51am

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 19th, 2023 at 9:30am - 11:00am in Person at Ambijan Restaurant.