



**Unionville BIA Board Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, March 20th, 2024**

**In Person - Varley Art Gallery**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Liam O'Dette, Shibani Sahney, Councillor Reid McAlpine, Sylvia Morris, Juyoun Hong, Tony Lamanna, Kimberly Wake & Liu Yan

**Regrets:** Niina Felushko, Michael Chan

**Absent:** Nicole MacLeod

**Guests:** Keith Kwan - Royal LePage Your Community Main Street

**Executive Director:** Sonia Chow

**Call to order:** By Chair Liam O'Dette at 9:36am

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve moved by Sonia Chow

Moved by Sylvia Morris

Seconded by Shibani Sahney

All were in favour

**Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 2024**

Motion to approve Liam O'Dette

Moved by Sylvia Morris

Seconded by Shibani Sahney

All were in favour

**Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 2024**

Motion to approve Liam O'Dette

Moved by Sylvia Morris

Seconded by Shibani Sahney

All were in favour

**Approval and update of Financials for January and February 2024**

To be received from the City.

**Review of My Main Street Grant Application - Community Activator Stream**

Applications allowed for up to \$250,000 in grants for BIAs



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Shibani suggested implementing a bike rental system, dubbed Green P. Councillor Reid McAlpine highlighted previous city reviews with Green P, aiming to incorporate it into the Ontario Innovation Grant for the City of Markham, potentially extending to Main Street Unionville. The proposal includes a sheltered bike rack, pending contractor quotation and city approval. Additionally, a retail action plan forms part of the budget. Tony Lamanna suggested 13 Sundays for road closures, promoting pedestrian activity. An Indigenous Day "Green Day" was proposed for economic support, contingent upon road closure approval and business agreement. Discussions also covered bike shelter design and gazebo preservation preferences.

*Motion was passed to Maintain the Gazebo in its current design with only necessary improvements.*

*Motion to approve by Liam O'Dette*

*Moved by Tony Lamanna*

*Seconded by Kimberly Wake*

*All were in favour*

**Status of Sub-Committee Meeting:**

Accessibility & Inclusivity - Niina Felushko was not present. To be updated at the next meeting.

Revitalization - No new Updates.

Retail Action Strategy - Councillor Reid McAlpine and Kimberly Wake had a meeting with one of 3 Candidates for re-quoting. They are revisiting the original proposal and will update in the next week or two with a revised proposal. Kimberly has also connected with the other 2 Candidates and waiting to hear back from them on if they will be interested in participating in re-quoting the original proposals provided in 2021.

**Location Filming on Mainstreet**

Sonia Chow spoke to film production houses regarding this and provided a survey seeking responses.

There are further discussions required with the city to ensure a standard policy is in place. In the past there were retainers for damages, and specified times and dates for filming. Sonia Chow will follow as the City doesn't put this in their radar this year. .

**Revitalization, City & Streetscape Updates:**

Tabled until the next meeting as Councillor Reid McAlpine had to leave the meeting early.

**ED Report:** Sonia Chow

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Road closure discussion to minimize costs (Book 7 Training) continues including the purchase of our own equipment for future events and road closures.

Consideration to 2025 plan to address what will be done during revitalization will be added to the discussions after the 2024 plan is established.

**Real Estate:** Sylvia Morris

Paw Story will be replaced by the potential of a flower shop opening by Yan

Tony is working on a lease for his property

Liu Yan has 2 of her units for lease

No updates on the property next to Ambiyam

*Motion to Approve that the Building is Unsafe and Unappealing and by-law should be contacted to implant a standard for proper boarding in accordance with the historical regulations for safety to protect neighbourhood and prevent any future liabilities. Owner should be added to the notice.*

*Motion to approve by Tony Lamanna*

*Moved by Shibani Sahney*

*Seconded by Sylvia Morris*

*All were in Favour.*

**Any Other Business:**

Keith Kwan received a letter from the city regarding the sign for their business that it must be repaired. He wanted to find out more about what the BIA regulations are on new signage. He was directed to the BIA Manual on the website along with a couple of referrals.

Sonia Chow mentions that new board member Nicole MacLeod intended to join the meeting today but was not present.

There is also another interested party from Calabria who was invited but also did not attend.

*Next meeting we should consider a motion to determine regulations around member attendance.*

**Motion to adjourn at 10:50 am**

Motioned by Liam O'Dette

Moved by Sylvia Morris

Seconded by Kimberly Wake

All were in favour

**Meeting adjourned** at 10:50am

HISTORIC MAIN STREET



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**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 17th 2024 at 9:30am - 11:00am in Person at Varley Art Gallery (Paint Room).