

Grimsby DIA 2020 AGM Minutes
Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021
held Via Zoom

- **Meeting called to order – 8:08 a.m.**

ROLL CALL of the board - Present: Mike Williscraft, Bryan Macaulay, Jeff Jordan, Reg Freake, Mark Wood, Luca Vitali, Mary Jo Clements and Roseanna La Porta

Members in attendance:

Andy Daniels, Simon Duong, Rebecca Shelley, Danielle Parkes, Sandy Jaskula, Tina Seaton.

Guests:

Grimsby Director of Finance Steve Gruninger, partial; Coun. Dave Kadwell, partial; economic development officer Adam Joon, partial, and; Tim O'Brien of IBI Group, partial.

Disclosure of Interest:

- Mike declared a conflict on the NewsNow invoice

Financial Report:

- Mike tabled the 2021 budget, introducing Steve Gruninger to speak to it. Steve noted the 2021 budget was very similar to 2020's with a couple of adjustments pointing out Main Street barrier beautification which arose last year is included in this year's. Also, he noted the reserve is much healthier after last year's surplus. Mike noted the board had started planning in 2019 to deal with impacts from the major construction work expected now to come in 2023 (as noted by Jeff Jordan) with the water/sewer upgrades along Main.

Motion to approve 2021 budget:

Moved By Jeff Seconded By: Luca

All in favour, approved

New Business:

- Tim O'Brien of IBI Group spoke to the DIA visioning exercise and the renderings offered for potential themes for Main Street and Ontario Street redevelopment work. With the Main Street work in 2023 and the pending Century Condo project, it was noted timing could be good for a major reinvention of downtown. It was noted all hope COVID-19's impacts would be dealt with and everyone would be able to turn the page on that. Mike provided a report with email feedback from the public as well, all very favourable with some concern about cost. Mike noted much could be achieved with minimal tax levy impact with proper financial planning. The visioning exercise was considered a major success. Mike noted all would be submitted to town council for consideration with any planning.

Motion to accept the information and report from IBI Group:

Moved By: Mary Jo Seconded By: Luca

All in favour, approved

Filling Board Positions

- Mary Jo – whose business has closed, submitted a letter of resignation

Motion to accept Mary Jo's resignation:

Moved By: Luca Seconded By: Tina

All in favour, approved

- 2 Board positions needed to be filled – 3 members were nominated for the two spots.

A vote of the members on hand was conducted with Andy Daniels and Simon Duong being the successful candidates and were welcomed to the board.

Motion to accept the new board members:

Moved By: Mark Woods Seconded By: Tina Seaton

All in favour, approved

• Disclosure of Interest:

- Mike declared a conflict on the NewsNow invoice

MINUTES:

- Dec. 4, 2019 AGM minutes for 2019 AGM

- Nov. 4, 2020 Board meeting

Motion: To approve the AGM minutes of Dec. 4, 2019 and board meeting minutes of Nov. 4, 2020.

Moved By: Bryan Seconded By: Mark

All in favour, approved.

Business Arising:

- Approval of outstanding invoices – Mike noted his conflict

• PostMedia, \$1,695 - The Ride's On Us • Chimpagency - \$952.59 • NewsNow - \$326.57

• Shear Display - \$3,955.00 • IBI Group - \$3,390.01

Motion: To pay all the outstanding 2020 invoices:

Moved By: Mary Jo Seconded By: Jeff

All in favour, approved

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn

Moved By: Luca **Seconded By:** Reg Freake

Approved