

Grimsby DIA Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
GBF Hub ~ 19 Elm St.

- Meeting called to order – 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL - Present: Roseanna La Porta, Simon Duong, Reg Freaque, Jeff Jordan, (9:15 a.m.)
Bryan Macaulay (8:25 a.m.), Mike Williscraft, Andy Daniels

Regrets: Mark Wood & Luca Vitali

- **Disclosure of Interest:** Mike declared a conflict should a discussion about advertising arise.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

No minutes

Business Arising

- Happening in Grimsby - The meeting was called to consider an overnight road closure for June 17-18 as part of Happening in Grimsby 2022.

Vast majority of those spoken to by the board were in favour of giving it a try. Three were very opposed. The board reviewed some ideas to help retailers engage the public who will be on hand for the event. Simon noted many new ideas are being considered for 2022 and he would update the board as things develop.

Motion:

To approve closure of Main Street from Ontario to Christie from 2 p.m. on Friday, June 17 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

Move By: Reg Seconded By: Andy

Approved

- Follow up on Downtown Reimagined Zoom meeting -

All in attendance noted dismay with the consultant's confirmation that the parameters provided to them for the study area were set to only cover Main Street from Elm to Christie Street. It was noted the Board had been told many times - from the start of the process - the whole downtown from Elm in the south to the rail tracks to the north would be considered as part of the process. It was recognized redoing Main Street - an only part of Main Street at that - would leave a great deal on the table, but it is recognized ongoing communication issues are not likely to be overcome. It was noted that the interest in removing parking spaces on Main Street would prove devastating to retailers. As well, putting a bike lane on Main due to width limitations would also necessitate removal of parking from one entire side of the street. The consensus was hope that subsequent meetings would be much better than the initial DIA meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved By: Jeff Seconded By: Simon

approved