Voting Information for General Membership

Registration to Vote

All commercial property owners and business tenants within the Downtown Grimsby BIA boundary are eligible to vote.

To confirm eligibility at registration, members must bring proof of tenancy or ownership and proof of levy payment:

- Tenants: Please bring a copy of your gross lease that clearly shows payment of the BIA levy.
- Property Owners: Please bring a copy of your property tax bill showing the address of your downtown property.

This can be provided in advance to <u>info@grimsbydowntown.com</u> or on the day-of the meeting in person. Failure to present this information will result in you not being able to vote at the meeting.

Proxy Voting

Proxy Forms can be found on the GDBIA's <u>website</u> under the "Governance" tab. Members who are unable to attend the meeting in person may assign a proxyholder to vote on their behalf by completing the Grimsby Downtown BIA Proxy Form and following the instructions outlined in the Proxy Voting Policy under the "policies" tab on the <u>website</u>.

Please note that this is a new policy implemented by the Board in July 2025, designed to ensure transparency, consistency, and compliance with the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001.

Completed Proxy Forms, along with required proof of eligibility, must be submitted electronically to <u>info@grimsbydowntown.com</u> by 4 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the AGM (November 7). Late submissions will not be accepted.

If no proxyholder is designated, the Chair of the BIA will automatically serve as your proxyholder. Please ensure all required documentation is submitted as outlined in the policy.