

Annual General Meeting Minutes- Draft

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
Kingston Market Square Hotel

6:00 P.M. Meet and Greet
6:30 P.M. MEETING

1. Meeting called to order – Christine Ray-Bratt, Downtown Kingston BIA Chair

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Remarks from the Chair – Christine Ray-Bratt, Chair

Councillor Gregory Ridge provided greetings from the City of Kingston.
Christine acknowledged the BIA Board of Directors and staff.

4. Approval of Minutes – Annual General Meeting 2022 – Christine Ray-Bratt

Moved by: Melissa Eapen-Bell Seconded by: Steve Wallace

Motion Carried

6.5. Reflecting on the Past and Anticipating the Future: 2023 Annual Report and 2024-2027 Strategic Plan Presentation – Marijo Cuerrier, Executive Director, Downtown Kingston BIA

Marijo highlighted the following:

- BIA Proud Moments in 2023:
 - The Waawaatag installation.
 - OPTIC installation.
 - Limestone City Blues Festival finale.
 - Salsa in the Square.
 - Over 2 million Downtown Dollars sold.
 - The launch of the new Downtown Kingston Gift Card.
 - The Welcoming Streets Program.
 - Launch of the Downtown Dish.
 - Three Princess Street Promenades.
 - Our largest Santa Claus Parade to date.
 - Over 23K Instagram followers.
- New Purpose - cultivating a community of shared joy, pride, optimism, and prosperity in Downtown Kingston.

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- [2024-2027 Strategic Plan Presentation](#)

7.6. 2024 Levy Estimation – Board approved November 15, 2023

A 4% levy increase was approved by the BIA Board of Directors.

8.7. Financial Review – Nick Waterfield, Treasurer

- a. Audited Financial Statements 2022
- b. Motion to approve Audited Financial Statements 2022

Moved by: Vincent Cinanni Seconded by: David Dossett.

Motion Carried.

9.8. Motion to accept all acts of the Board (past 12 months) – Christine Ray-Bratt

Moved by: Steve Wallace Seconded by: Vincent Cinanni.

Motion Carried.

10.9. New Residential Development – City of Kingston

- Presentation by Lanie Hurdle and James Barr from the City of Kingston
- Brad Joyce and Ian Semple spoke briefly about the Ontario and Market Street closures to implement and activate street pedestrianization and to beautify the downtown core.

11.10. Welcoming Streets Presentation

Presentation by AMHS/KFLA: Julie Lambert (Program Manager) and Jennifer Savage (Team Lead Street Outreach).

- The Welcoming Streets program was developed to support those who are in need/unhoused and the businesses downtown.
- Jason Wilde focuses on responding to the issues experienced by businesses.
- Hayley Shadforth provides vulnerable individuals with the support they require.
 - Together they provide general types of assistance (rapport and trust building with over 90 instances of ongoing case management), mental health and addiction support, lifesaving interventions, and meaningful conversations to encourage individuals to connect with their services. They have successfully housed 7 people within 4 months (during a housing crisis).

12.11. Core Awards

- a. Customer Service Excellence- awarded to Bailey Jewitt (Something in the Water).
- b. Sustainability Champion- awarded to Andre Soucy (Visitor Information Center) and Kendra Allen (Moxie and Mine).
- c. Innovator- awarded to Yessica Rivera (Ollin.ca).
- d. Exceptional Street Presence, awarded to Montreal Street Collective.
- e. Revitalization- awarded to Erica Braunstein (Lay Low Café).

The Lifetime Achievement Award had no nominations for 2023 and will be renamed the Gary Poupore Award for future years, in honour of Gary and his achievements.

13.12. Other Business – Christine Ray-Bratt

44.13. Questions from the Floor?

Comments from the floor:

- A member recognized Welcoming Streets and how great the program is.
- A member requested more support for livable-sized units regarding housing developments.
- A resident expressed concern regarding the image of Downtown Kingson and how it was presented at the last Administrative Policy meeting.
- A member expressed their gratitude to the BIA Board of Directors and to Marijo for the focus and care of the Downtown Core.

45.14. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Steve Wallace

Seconded by: Vincent Cinanni.

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, the Chair motioned for adjournment at 8:14 p.m.

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