



HxBIA Board Meeting April 2020

Minutes

Date: April 15, 2020

Location: Zoom

Present:

- **Devon Boorman; Gordon Casey, Deanna Wing, Caithlin Scarpelli, Steve Johnston, Bryan McKinnon, Ash McLeod, Jay Vidler, Adam Hayashi**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Adam at 3:02 PM.

2. Additions to the Agenda

No additions.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Steve moved to accept agenda. Caithlin seconded. Carried unanimously.

4. Issues in Hastings Crossing

- a. Health
- b. Food and shelter
- c. Sanitation and cleanliness
- d. Business viability

Adam:

- Many businesses now boarded up. Sanitation becoming a greater challenge; more waste on streets, cleaning is difficult for City and partners (Mission Possible). Many physical sites are closed, leading to crowding on streets and lack of access to toilets. Women are particularly challenged by lack of access to clean and safe toilet facilities.
- COVID-19 itself hasn't been confirmed to be present in DTES; physical distancing guidelines are difficult to respect for area residents.
- Excellent work by community on food security. Naved at Potluck has organized an excellent program. Thanks to Steve for chairing CIRES-led group.
- Rent is a key challenge for businesses. Some landlords have worked sensitively with tenants, others have not. BIA Partnership working on intervention with federal government. Other business support measures are available but inadequate in many cases.

Devon asked about setting up information phone line for members to call with questions on COVID support options; group discussion. Adam promised to explore this. Also discussed option of Zoom call to discuss resources.

5. Administrative Update

- a. Member list
- b. Budget
- c. ED Status

Adam:

- Issues around non-payment of Member365 have been corrected.
- Updating member contact information as needed. Adam promised to check with Peter Vaisbord at CoV for updated list.
- Fiscal position of HxBIA currently solid with City depositing \$103,000 in first half of levy payment. Need to plan for lower revenues going forward. Current balance \$236,000.
- ED's first consulting contract expiring. It was agreed that Adam would update the first contract and share it with Devon and Gordon for approval.

6. Renewal

Adam: Survey is on hold but should go out soon to meet timelines. Anticipate a 0% increase in levies in first year given current challenges. This creates future limitations as base for increases would be lower.

Steve asked about a one-year extension to the BIA designation from the City given the COVID pandemic. Adam to explore.

Devon suggested that an action plan for ED's activities should be created.

Deanna moved to request action plan from ED. Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Steve moved to adjourn. Deanna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.