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Parry Sound Downtown Business Association Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2024

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:29pm

In Attendance

Board Members: Tim Dunn, Doug Wilton, Bernice Anderson, Kaila Stevenson, Dave Williams,

Meredith McCaffrey

Councill Representative: Chris McDonald,

Regrets: Don Corbett

Absent:

Staff: April Denman

Guests: Frank Camenzuli, Sean Solowski, Peter Scully

Approval of Agenda

"Motion to approve the agenda for this April 10, 2024 DBA Board of Directors meeting – moving New Business presentations to top of agenda.

Moved by: Bernice Anderson Seconded by: Meredith McCaffrey Carried

New Business

 Peter Scully gave a presentation about a low-speed electric shuttle. He is looking for the support of the DBA when he asks the Town to adopt this service to move tourists and possibly locals from the waterfront area throughout the downtown area and other parts of town. The Board voiced their concerns at length with Peter and is not comfortable asking the Town to undertake what is potentially a very expensive project and recommends Peter seek a private business to undertake this project.

Peter left the meeting.

 Frank Camenzuli, property and business owner in downtown & Sean Solowski, part owner of Dent Bay Baking Company are asking for the support of the DBA with their plan to create street parking at the south end of the downtown boundary. They gave a presentation with drawings where they show how reducing 1 live lane of traffic on Seguin Street in both directions over the bridge could add 55 on street parking spots and bike lanes and the only cost being paint to create the lines. The Board voiced at length with Frank & Sean their concerns for traffic flow through downtown and their businesses and feels that a proper traffic study would need to be conducted before this idea could even be considered or supported at any organization.

Frank & Sean left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

"Motion to approve the Minutes from March 13, 2024 DBA Board of Directors Meeting adding Meredith McCaffrey's attendance."

Moved by: Bernice Anderson Seconded by: Kaila Stevenson Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

Correspondence

- An email was sent by a Mr. Robin James speaking to a trip and fall at a private business in downtown. This was an FYI email and no reply or action was taken. Email on file.
- The Town of Parry Sound has approved the street closure for Parry Sound CruZers to hold their Tuesday car show on James Street but is working on solutions to the ask of keeping the public washrooms open later to accommodate this request.
- Don Corbet has emailed that he will be required to be absent for some upcoming board meetings for medical appointments. He is asking if this would expel him from the board. The Board agrees to give Don time to take care of his health without being concerned about his board position. Email on file.

Old Business

- Audit not discussed.
- Action plan not discussed.

Reports

<u>Financial</u>: Kaila reports that a financial report was not provided but the bank account is in good standing.

<u>Beautification:</u> Bernice reported that the Beautification Committee has ordered all the flowers for the inground gardens.

Events: April reports final organizing is taking place.

Marketing: not discussed

Council Representative: no time given to report.

Staff: report on file.

Adjournment: 8:30pm

Next meeting: May 8, 2024 – 6:30pm – Parry Sound Public Library. This will also be the AGM.

