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Parry Sound Downtown Business Association Board of Directors Meeting

September 4, 2024

Doug called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

In Attendance

Board Members: Tim Dunn, Doug Wilton, Bernice Anderson, Meredith McCaffrey, Don Corbett, Dave Williams

Councill Representative: Chris McDonald

Regrets: Kaila Stevenson

Absent:

Staff: April Denman

Guests: Sean Solowski & Frank Camenzuli (Dent Bay Baking Company)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

None declared.

Approval of Agenda

“Motion to approve the agenda for this, September 4, 2024 DBA Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: Chris McDonald

Seconded by: Dave Williams

Carried

Approval of Minutes

“Motion to approve the minutes from August 14, 2024 DBA Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: Chris McDonald

Seconded by: Meredith McCaffrey

Carried

Correspondence

- A former resident of Parry Sound dropped in to voice his opinion on the state of downtown including the number of services on James Street including the OATC and Children’s Aid Society. He is concerned for the future of the vitality of downtown.
- Graydon Smith’s office emailed after a constituent’s concerns of employment standards not being followed at a downtown business. April replied that although disturbing and

disheartening to hear, the DBA would like to believe this is an isolated incident in our downtown, hopes this person is ok and any others affected.

The Board feels this is not part of the mandate of the DBA to get involved in employment standards concerns.

Old Business

- Kaila and April getting together in September to start updating policies for Board review at upcoming meetings.
- No update on the Downtown Quality of Experience Team.

New Business

- Sean Solowski & Frank Camenzuli gave another presentation with new proposals to increase parking and traffic flow in the south end of downtown. They would like to collaborate with the Board on ideas that would possibly eliminate some loading zones on James Street, add on-street parking to Seguin Street and adding parking lines to open parking lots such as the BOCC and at the Stockey. Sean will share the presentation and requests Board feedback. Presentation on file.

Reports

Financial: no financial report provided

Beautification: meeting planned for the middle of September. Compliments to the Town for the wedding of the interlocking bricks this year. Sidewalks look much better with new sweeper/washer and Jordan Constable (Town Staff) doing a great job, pride in her work shows.

Events: Girlfriends Weekend planning underway. The committee is looking to possibly add a Parry Sound Cottage Life Show, possibly to replace Summer in the Sound or new date or cancel.

Marketing: meeting planned for middle of September

Council Representative: No downtown news from the Town, alternatives to the removal of the Waubuno Bridge being explored.

Staff: no questions about report provided.

Adjournment: 7:45pm

Next meeting: October 9, 2024 – 6:30pm – Parry Sound Public Library.