



MINUTES

Parry Sound Downtown Business Association

January 10th, 2018

Meeting called to order by Mike Puro at 6:31pm

In Attendance

Board Members: David Coles, Sue Sullivan, Mike Puro, Cathy Downing, Karen Hobson

Staff: Susan Hrycyna

Guests: Staff Sergeant Mike Gordon, Detachment Commander, Officer Kyle Ney Community Services, Toni Walker, Doris Muckenheim

Regrets: Dora Logan, Councillor Paul Borneman

Approval of Agenda

“Motion to approve the agenda of the January 10, 2018 DBA Board of Directors meeting with the following addition:

- Summer Market

Moved by: David Coles

Seconded by: Karen Hobson

Carried

Police Presence in the Downtown

Some of the issues concerning downtown business owners are:

- Theft
- Disruptive people with mental health issues
- Drugs
- Increased loitering during the day

Theft

Office Kyle shared some statistics with the board. In 2017, 54% of all theft charges were in the downtown and of those thefts, 35% were in a DBA business. Many thefts are not reported. A lot of the business owners believe that in order for a theft to occur the item must be taken outside of the business. This is not true. Theft means intent, for example concealing an item on their person or in a bag.

Every theft should be reported, even if the person committing the theft is no longer on the premises. This will help identify trends and higher statistics. Once this happens more resources would be able to be allocated to the downtown. To report a theft call 1-888-310-1122. Officer Nick Meystyan specialized in loss prevention and he would be willing to come to a meeting to discuss strategies to help prevent theft. Susan will contact him about coming to the AGM.

Disruptive People

There are certain people with mental health issues who are frequently disruptive when they area in the downtown. If someone is creating a disturbance call the OPP and they will come and deal with them. Kitchener BIA received some Provincial government funding to create an Outreach Program that helped them deal with issues like this. Susan will contact them for more information.

Loitering

In order for the OPP to charge someone who is loitering they must be a public nuisance. Loitering is something that should be addressed through a Town bylaw.

Drugs

Many businesses notice drug exchanges going on. Any observations that are made should be reported. If it is an ongoing problem keep a log with time, date and place. Detective Bruce Fox is dedicated to this issue. If a problem is identified through statistics there are resources available. There is an out of town unit who will come in to help with the problem.

Police Presence

From June-August 2017 the OPP detachment created a foot patrol challenge among their officers. They ended up logging 300 hours with 154 hours in the downtown. They also have focused patrols where they walk through the bars just before closing to identify individuals who are had too much to drink and could possibly create a problem in the downtown.

Tuesday is Provincial Court date in the Town Office building and usually many OPP officers are there. It was suggested that one of the police cruisers be parked on the main street instead of in the parking lot. It has been noticed that anytime a cruiser is parked downtown there are fewer people loitering and less theft. Staff Sergeant Gordon thought this was a great idea.

Approval of Minutes

“Motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2017 DBA Board of Directors meeting”

Moved by: David Coles

Seconded by: Karen Hobson

Carried

Correspondence

A request was received from Peter Istvan on behalf of Pedaling for Parkinson's. The event will be taking place on July 13-15, 2018. For the past 3 years we have donated cases of water and Peter would like to know if we are able to do the same thing again this year. Susan will work on rearranging the storage unit to make room for another pallet of water.

Previous Business

- a) Salvation Army Community Van
 - No update available.
- b) Website RFP
 - Susan has received 2 requests for more information. The RFP will close on January 26th.

New Business

- a) Tuesday Summer Market
 - Karen received an inquiry about the Tuesday Summer Market and she would like to know who is in charge. The market is run by Parry Sound Arts & Crafts and they have a website with information.

Reports

- a) Administrator- Susan Hrycyna. A detailed report is on file.
- b) Events – Susan Hrycyna. A detailed report is on file.
 - Dates were picked for all of the events
 - Giant Community Yard Sale – May 26, 8am-noon
 - Open Streets/Sidewalk Sale – June 9, 10am-2pm
 - Silent Auction – June 15-July 21
 - Georgian Bay Craft Fair – July 21, 10am-4pm
 - Downtown Car Show – August 18, 9am-3pm
 - Halloween in the Downtown – October 27, 10am-2pm
 - Parry Sound Women's Weekend – November 23-25

Susan will work to implement Seniors Days in the downtown every Wednesday. She will talk to the Garden's, Lakeland and Belvedere to see if they would be interested in busing their resident's downtown. She will also talk to all of the businesses to see what discount they would be willing to offer.

c) Financial – David Coles. A financial report is not available at this time.

Resolution 18-01

“Motion to accept the 2018 budget as discussed”

Moved by: Karen Hobson

Seconded by: Cathy Downing

Carried

d) Council – Paul Borneman

- Not available at this time.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 14th, 2018

“Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:00pm “

Moved by: David Coles

Seconded by: Sue Sullivan

Carried

Minutes of the meeting were recorded by: Susan Hrycyna, Executive Administrator