



**Downtown Parry Sound Business Association  
Board of Management Special Budget Meeting  
Minutes  
February 4, 2015**

Present: Paul Borneman, Dora Logan, Daryl McMurray, Sue Sullivan, David Coles, Jim Shaw, Cathy Downing

Guests: Tammy Purdy, Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Staff: Susan Hrycyna

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The board meeting of the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association was called to order at 6:32pm by the Chair, Daryl McMurray

1) **Resolution 15-13**

“That the agenda for the Board of Directors Special Budget Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is approved”

Moved by: David Coles

Seconded by: Jim Shaw

Carried

2) Tammy Purdy presented a Parking Management Plan that was put together by the Parking Committee.

- When reviewing the information there were a lot of inconsistencies in the parking – various time limits in different areas and some streets have no meters.
- A lot of information was reviewed including the results from the Christmas Blitz, other municipalities parking, and numerous surveys.
- The community and merchants support free parking but only if the abuse of time limits can be addressed.
- The recommendation of the Parking Committee is to implement 2 hour free parking in all of the downtown with increased enforcement. Tammy will be presenting this to council on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Tammy is looking to buying new technology and one of the benefits would be the ability to track re-parking. There is some concern if someone parks in one spot for lunch and then moves uptown to shop, they could get a ticket for “re-parking”. Tammy is looking into how to avoid this.
- The cost of free parking would be \$124,900 annually. This money would have to come out the parking reserves. There is enough money in the reserves for two years. After the second year, the enforcement costs of \$100,000 would hopefully be reduced as less enforcement is required.
- Tammy is going to present two other options as well:

- 1) Remove the meters everywhere except for on the main streets - James and Seguin. In this case the parking reserves would last for 5 years. If this option was accept meters would probably be installed at the bottom of Bay Street.
  - 2) Remove the meters on James and Seguin. This would make those streets more aesthetically pleasing. The reserves would be depleted in 4 years.
- If everything stays the same then the reserves would only last for 20 years because there is a lot of equipment that needs to be replaced. The parking system pays for itself, but some changes were made and some other things come out of the parking revenue such as extra snow bank removal in the downtown, a portion of the hanging baskets, and some admin fees, so it now runs at a deficit.
  - Could a day permits be offered so businesses who are holding an event could purchase them to give to their patrons.

**Resultion15-14**

“For the DBA Board to support the Parking Committee’s recommendation of implementing free 2 hour parking in the downtown from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 in order to garner more information before going ahead with full changes.”

Moved by: David Coles

Seconded by: Dora Logan

Carried

3) Budget

- The draft 2015 budget was worked on and adjustments were made to the figures during discussions.
- Work will continue during the next board meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**Action Item:** Susan will send out new draft budget to all board members

4) **Resolution 15-15**

“That the meeting is adjourned at 9:26pm”

Moved by: Sue Sullivan

Seconded by: Jim Shaw

Carried

Next Board Meeting: February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6:30pm, GB Software

Minutes of meeting recorded by: Susan Hrycyna, Executive Administrator