

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SUDBURY METRO CENTRE

Friday, February 27, 2009

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT 8:25 A.M.

OLDER ADULT CENTRE, KINSMEN ROOM

R. WYGANT IN THE CHAIR.

PRESENT

J. Arnold, J. Browning, B. Edington, M. Fabbro, D. Gainer, S. Vincent, J. Gasparini (dep 9 a.m.), V. May

REGRETS

J. Landry-Altman

ALSO PRESENT

Staff ... M. Luoma, B. Kuczma

General Membership ... 26

Other ... 30 (including Board Members, media, speakers, partners)

Media ... Northern Life, The Sudbury Star, Persona TV

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

The Chair welcomed and introduced the following Guests, with related presentations. Questions were held until following the presentations.

Downtown Village Development Corporation

- Angela Gilmore, Project Co-ordinator

Imagine Sudbury

- Dr. David Robinson, Volunteer Committee Member

Northern Ontario School of Architecture

- Blaine Nichols, Chair, Steering Committee

Discussion, comments, questions were then invited. The following provides highlights only:

- What is NOSOA is denied funding from Colleges & Universities?
Preliminary discussions indicate support. However, if this was denied, a review would be required
- If the NOSOA is not located in the downtown, what affect would that have on the BIA's contribution?
The BIA's contribution is contingent upon a downtown location.
- Positive atmosphere, excitement related to 'Imagine Sudbury'. It there a 'real' possibility that this (railway relocation out of the downtown) will happen?
While the railway has indicated that this is 'not high on their priority list right now', it is happening in other communities.
- Supportive comments received related to the Northern Ontario School of Architecture and the need to work together as a community to make these project happen
- Concern related to the manner in which the BIA has approach the contribution to the BIA
- Concern also raised by a member related to the contract for the downtown partnership with the DVDC and that consideration be given to allocation on a project by project basis rather than annually

BUSINESS PORTION

Upon registration, members were provided with a Package containing a variety of information, including a report highlighting activities of the Board over 2008, plans for 2009, budget details (2008 Audited Financial Statements, 2009 proposed operating budget), etc.

R. Wygant highlighted a number of new programs, most specifically: Financial Incentives Program, Seasonal Decorations – snowflakes, 1st Annual Downtown Ribfest.

S. Vincent then provided an overview of the budget and invited questions/discussion.

2009 Budget

J. Arnold and M. Fabbro both declared a conflict of interest in the 2009 Budget as they are both on the Board of Directors of the DVDC, where partnership funding was recommended. Subsequently, they did not participate in the discussion nor vote on the budget resolution.

A request for a secret ballot on the budget was requested. Further to confirmation that all members had signed the proper voting sheet and received their voting card, the following resolution was voted upon:

AGM-09-01 Fabbro – Vincent

THAT the General Membership of 'Downtown Sudbury' (Sudbury Metro Centre), at the Annual General Meeting held Friday, February 27, 2009, approves a 2009 Levy Request of \$429,000, representing part of the \$588,151 Operating Budget, for the purposes of undertaking the operations and programs of 'Downtown Sudbury', as presented by the Board of Directors.

CARRIED

*The ballots were counted by the Board's Auditor and Bookkeeper who announced that the vote was 15-7.

AGM-09-02 Gainer – Arnold

THAT the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Chargeback Reserve

AGM-09-03 Vincent – Fabbro

THAT the General Membership of 'Downtown Sudbury' (Sudbury Metro Centre) approves maintaining the Chargeback Reserve for 2009, established in 1987 for the purpose of covering any loss of revenue as a result of loss of assessment.

CARRIED

Reserve Fund

AGM-09-04 Fabbro – Vincent

THAT the General Membership of 'Downtown Sudbury' (Sudbury Metro Centre) approves maintaining the Reserve Fund, established in 1987, in the preparation of specific Major Projects in the Downtown.

CARRIED

Northern Ontario School of Architecture Investment

Further to the earlier presentation from Mr. B. Nichols, as well as discussion, the following resolution was presented:

Vincent – Fabbro

THAT the General Membership of 'Downtown Sudbury' (Sudbury Metro Centre) supports the Board of Directors in their decision to invest \$50,000, from the Special Project Reserve Fund, in the proposed Northern Ontario School of Architecture;

AND FURTHER THAT this investment be contingent upon:

- The school being located within the BIA boundaries;
- Funding commitments from the City of Greater Sudbury, as well as senior levels of government and the private sector are secured

Downtown Member, J. Rutherford indicated further concern related to the Board's recommended contribution to this project and suggesting that more specific details should be included. Further to discussion, Mr. Rutherford presented the following be added as a 'friendly amendment' to the above motion:

THAT the General Membership of 'Downtown Sudbury' (Sudbury Metro Centre), supports the Board of Directors in their decision to invest \$50,000, from the Special Project Reserve Fund, In the proposed Northern Ontario School of Architecture;

AND FURTHER THAT:

- \$20,000 of the contribution be conditional upon matching funds from two or more partners (FedNor, GSDC, ?)for site location feasibility within the BIA District (primary, secondary areas);
- \$25,000 for Public Relations, promotions, relating to the BIA location preferred by the School;
- \$5,000 Contingency

As this amendment did not receive support from the floor, the amended motion was lost and the original presented again:

AGM-09-05 Vincent – Fabbro

THAT the General Membership of ‘Downtown Sudbury’ (Sudbury Metro Centre) supports the Board of Directors in their decision to invest \$50,000, from the Special Project Reserve Fund, in the proposed Northern Ontario School of Architecture;

AND FURTHER THAT this investment be contingent upon:

- The school being located within the BIA boundaries;
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CARRIED

CLOSING REMARKS

R. Wygant thanked everyone for attending and encouraged/invited members to become involved in a Committee, a project, event, etc. Information was contained in the meeting package and members were invited to call any Director or Staff for further information.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further matters to discuss at this time, this meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Chair

Executive Director