

24th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUDBURY METRO CENTRE

Board Room, 7 Cedar St., Unit 102

Thursday, June 18, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT 5:30 P.M.

S. VINCENT IN THE CHAIR.

PRESENT

J. Arnold (dep: 6:30 pm), R. Boucher, J. Browning, M. Fabbro, V. May, J. Gasparini, J. Landry-Altman

ALSO PRESENT

M. Luoma – Executive Director

J. Rutherford – Black Cat

S. Thompson, A. Gilmore – DVDC

D. Nadorozny – CAO, City of Greater Sudbury

REGRETS

B. Edington, D. Gainer, R. Wygant

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09-230 Browning – Arnold

THAT Items C-1 to C-4, as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

C-1 Board of Directors

09-231 Arnold – Browning

THAT the minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Board (Monday, May 4, 2009) as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

C-2 Downtown Promotion Committee

09-232 Fabbro – May

THAT the minutes of the Downtown Promotion Committee (May 5th & June 9th, 2009), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

C-3 Downtown Streetscape Steering Committee

09-233 Fabbro – May

THAT the minutes of the Downtown Streetscape Steering Committee (May 15 & June 8, 2009), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

C-4 Downtown Safety/Security Committee

09-234 Arnold – Browning

THAT the minutes of the Downtown Safety/Security Committee meetings (May 6 & June 4, 2009), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

SPECIAL GUEST

D. Nadorozny, CAO, City of Greater Sudbury was introduced and welcomed.

A handout was circulated addressing and outlining various comments/concerns from the two (2) Downtown Partner organizations ... 'Downtown Sudbury' and the Downtown Village Development Corporation. These comments were addressed by various members of the two organizations.

Discussion centered around the Downtown Streetscape Project, Downtown Master Plan, budget constraints, communications, strengthening the partnership, etc.

D. Nadorozny reiterated the importance of downtowns as economic drivers of a community and further encouraged the partner boards to initiate a short term streetscape project this season, while continuing to prepare for the 2010 season. He further reaffirmed that there are is no opportunity for additional funding from City Council this year.

Various **recommendations** were presented to Mr. Nadorozny for his consideration, to further assist the strengthening and development of the 'Downtown Partnership', including:

- Review and redefine the Terms of Reference for the 'Downtown Partnership' ... including the BIA, DVDC, and the GSDC ... to include the City
- A 'Point' person, with authority, from the City to work with the downtown organizations
- Schedule monthly/bimonthly meetings between the Chairs of the 'Partners in Downtown Revitalization' and Mr. Nadorozny to review projects ... concerns, progress, etc.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Nadorozny was thanked for his time and support.

6:55 p.m. D. Nadorozny, J. Rutherford, A. Gilmore, S. Thompson departed the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

09-235 Browning – Fabbro

THAT we proceed past 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

R-1 CHAIR'S REPORT

New Director

On behalf of R. Wygant, M. Luoma welcomed Mr. Ray Boucher as the new Director with the Board.

Council presentation

M. Luoma reminded Directors that a presentation will be made to City Council, July 8th, providing an updated of activities and programs of the Board. Copy of the presentation will be circulated prior to the meeting.

R-2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Report previously circulated. Questions were invited and the following resolution presented:

09-236 Boucher – Browning

THAT the Executive Director's Report (May), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

R-3 FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounts Paid listing for the month of May was circulated ... ordered filed.

Action: Quarterly budget updated to be emailed over the next few weeks.
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R-4 PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Development/Design ... Streetscape Project

Handout was circulated, including information related to the proposed 'Cluster Demonstration Projects' (intersections), site amenities (bench, bike racks, garbage receptacles, street lights) ... together with a proposed resolution. Discussion centered around such concerns as: visual impact, limited funds, etc.

Following discussion (both at this time as well as earlier in the meeting with Mr. Nadorozny), Directors agreed to refer this back to the Streetscape Steering Committee, with the recommendation that consideration be given to providing an impact with the capital funds available ... ie bike racks; street name signs; garbage receptacles.

Action: The Streetscape Steering Committee's recommendation will then be circulated to both Partner Boards for ratification (expected over the next two weeks).

Promotion/Marketing

S. Vincent provided an overview of activities (as outlined in Committee minutes, as well as the Executive Director's Report) ...

- Expanded Committee
- Downtown Yard Sale (May 30th) ... 65 tables ... continues to increase each year
- Blues For Food ... Saturday (June 20th)
- Savour the Street (June 27th) ... new event ... hosted by the Greater Sudbury Restaurant Assoc.
- Downtown Cultural Society ... visual & performing artists ... 'on the sidewalks' ... Saturdays June 27th – September
- World Wide Photo Walk
- NO Busker Festival this year ... limited planning time ... initiate in 2010

Safety/Security

V. May provided highlights (as outlined in Committee minutes, as well as the Executive Director's Report) ...

- Ongoing issues (specifically related to the Royal Bank area)
- Meeting held with Catherine Matheson (City) and Janet Gasparini (as Social Planning Council) and the Executive Director
- 'Say NO to Panhandlers' brochure .. distribution to various Seniors' residences/centres Downtown
- Downtown Ambassador Program ... underway, handout, training (tourism and Police)

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 14th ... 5:30 p.m.

(unless otherwise required)

ADJOURNMENT

09-237 May

THAT we do now adjourn. Time: 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Executive Director