

23rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SUDBURY METRO CENTRE

Board Room, 7 Cedar St., Unit 102

Monday, May 4, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT 5:30 P.M. **R. WYGANT IN THE CHAIR.**

PRESENT

D. Gainer, S. Vincent, J. Browning, J. Arnold, B. Edington, M. Fabbro, V. May

ALSO PRESENT

M. Luoma – Executive Director

J. Rutherford – Black Cat

REGRETS

J. Gasparini, J. Landry-Altmann

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None declared.

'IN CAMERA' SESSION

09-218 Vincent – Browning

THAT we move 'in camera'. Time: 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

09-219 Vincent – Arnold

THAT we move out of the 'in camera' session. Time: 5:50p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

B. Edington and J. Rutherford joined the meeting at this time.

R. Wygant asked if there was a report from the 'In Camera' Session and the following resolution was read:

Board Vacancy

09-220 Vincent – Arnold

THAT the following be recommended to City Council to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors, for the balance of the term ending 2010:

Ray Boucher, Canada Brokerlink

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

09-221 Browning – May

THAT items C-1 to C-5, as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

C-1 Board of Directors

09-222 May – Browning

THAT the minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Board (Monday, April 6, 2009), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

C-3 Downtown Streetscape Steering Committee

09-223 May – Vincent

THAT the minutes of the Downtown Streetscape Steering Committee (April 17), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.

CARRIED

- C-4 Executive Committee**
09-224 Gainer – Vincent
THAT the minutes of the Executive Committees (April 6 & 22, 2009), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.
CARRIED
- C-5 Downtown Parking Committee**
09-225 Vincent – Gainer
THAT the minutes of the Downtown Parking Committee meeting (April 15, 2009), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.
CARRIED

REGULAR AGENDA

- R-1 Chair's Report**
TABLED ... information contained/to be discussed through regular Agenda items.
- R-2 Executive Director's Report**
Questions were invited and the following resolution presented:
- 09-226 May – Vincent**
THAT the Executive Director's Report (April), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.
CARRIED
- Copies of a summary/overview of sessions attended at the spring OBIAA Conference, were circulated for information.
- R-3 Financial Report**
Copies of the Accounts Paid for the month of April were circulated.
Copies of the quarterly budget update were circulated for information. S. Vincent noted that the budget is tracking as it should.
- The following resolution was then presented:
- 09-227 Gainer – Arnold**
THAT the April Accounts Paid listing, as duplicated and circulated, be hereby received.
CARRIED
- R-4 Program/Project Updates**
Memo previously circulated, including:
- Development/Design (M. Fabbro)**
- Streetscape Project ... 'cluster' demonstration project
 - Hanging Basket, Banners
- Promotion (S. Vincent)**
- M. Luoma provided an overview of recent meeting re proposed 'Busker Festival'
 - **ACTION:** Further to discussion, support was received and the Committee and Staff were directed to pursue/develop further ... Report at June meeting
- Parking (J. Browning)**
- Some discussion held related to the lack of taxis at bar closing time and further that this has been an ongoing issue
 - It was noted that a tax representative, together with the By-Law Dept will be invited to the next Committee meeting

- It was also noted that there is currently a City By-Law that requires licensed taxes must be available
- It was suggested that this Committee request that this by-law be enforced
- It was also noted that the Request for Proposals for the Strategic Parking Plan has been issued ...
Question raised – Who has been invited to submit?

Safety/Security (V. May)

- Directors were advised that the Deputy Chief will be attending the next Committee meeting and continues to be a strong supporter
- Copies of the 'reworked' Downtown Ambassador Program proposal was previously circulated – as per direction from the March Board meeting ... discussion followed, with direction to proceed, including:
 - ... sponsorship opportunities
 - ... use of push cart garbage can
 - ... partnership with Police and various City departments
 - ... need for a 'Team Supervisor' to assist with the 'management' of the program
 - ... staffing not necessarily restricted to youth/students, but open to anyone interested ie older adults
 - ... longer term goal to operate over a longer period of time

Further to discussion, the following resolution was then presented:

09-228 Browning- Arnold

THAT the Board approves and supports the 'Downtown Ambassador Program', as a summer project, including the hiring of summer staff, with a maximum budget of \$30,000;

AND FURTHER THAT this program will be undertaken in partnership with the Greater Sudbury Police Service and the City of Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER THAT this program will be reviewed by all partners in the fall with a report back to the Board including recommendations for further development.

CARRIED

Downtown Partnership Committee

- J. Arnold updated members and provided an overview on the 'Urban Intensification Demonstration Project' currently being developed by the 3 Partners in Downtown Revitalization
- The project is currently at the draft Stage One for a funding request submission to the Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation ... using the Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay projects as examples
- Further report at next Board meeting

R-5 Other

- R. Wygant reminded Directors of the 'Change of Command Ceremony' for the incoming Police Chief Frank Elsner ... information contained in the Board package
- Question raised as to the status of the pedestrian railing (replacement of) on Elgin Street ... as previously discussed in 2007 ... M. Luoma to follow up

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 1st ... 5:30 p.m. ... Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

09-229 THAT we do now adjourn. Time: 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Executive Director