

TENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 'DOWNTOWN SUDBURY'

Thursday, February 4, 2016, LAL Board Room

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT 4:00 P.M.

J. MACINTYRE IN THE CHAIR.

PRESENT

B. McCullagh (Dep 6:15pm), S. Vincent, J. Browning, A. Gilmore, R. Gregorini (LA 4:30pm), F. Cormier

REGRETS

D. Brouse, A. Vardy, K. Maclsaac, D. McIntosh

ALSO PRESENT

M. Luoma Executive Director
E. Landry Senior Planner, City of Greater Sudbury
Elgin St. Members L. Lahaie, T. Loeffen, D. Violette, C. Michel, Councillor Landry-Altman

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16-52 Vincent - McCullagh

THAT Item C-1 contained in the Consent Agenda, as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

C-1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

16-53 Vincent - Browning

THAT the Board minutes of the 9th Meeting (January 12, 2016), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

16-54 Vincent – McCullagh

THAT the Executive Director's Report (January, 2016), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

R-2 CHAIR'S REPORT

Executive Committee 2016 ... **TABLED**

J. MacIntyre reminded Directors of the two main areas of focus for discussion at this meeting.

Harm Reduction Home

Directors were introduced to members from Elgin St., together with Councillor Landry-Altman, present to discuss this project and express concerns. Correspondence was previously circulated to the Board.

A lengthy discussion was held outlining:

*various concerns to the location of this program (safety/security, panhandling, no greenspace for clients, etc.)

*process to date and lack of transparency, confusion in the variety/details of information circulated

*status of project (closing date, City support)

*concern on how issues will be managed that arise adjacent to the facility*proximity to bar, seniors' residences, drug store, education facilities (high school, university)

There was strong agreement that concerns are specific to the location, not to the program proposed. Directors were advised that the concerns are unanimous to neighbouring businesses and further that a petition has been initiated.

Further to discussion, it was agreed that a letter of concern be prepared and sent to both the local and national Board of Directors of CMHA, Mayor and Council, G. Thibeault, P. Lefebvre. ... including concerns, letters received, petition.

PROCEED PAST

16-55 Vincent – Browning

THAT we proceed past 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Entertainment/Event Centre

Further to the Board's direction at the January Board meeting, J. MacIntyre and B. McCullagh advised Directors of discussions held to date and support indicated.

Directors held a lengthy discussion:

*need for Council to determine their direction on this

*need to determine the feasibility of a site ... where should this be located and why ... what is the best location (both economically and socially)

*then determine what the facility would look like

*action to be taken by the BIA

It was generally accepted that, at this time, a letter should be forwarded to the Mayor and Council and the GSDC indicating that further to the 'Big Project' submissions, Council should undertake a feasibility analysis for the best location for an Entertainment/Event Centre and that downtown must be included in that analysis.

R-3 OTHER

OBIAA Conference

Information previously circulated. The Chair proposed that, as this year's conference is in London, it would be advantageous and timely to arrange a meeting/tour with those involved in the Budweiser Centre. He further suggested this may be an opportunity for two Councillors, interested in both the concept of an Entertainment/Event Centre and downtown, to be invited to attend. Directors agreed and passed the following resolution:

15-56 Vincent – Browning

THAT the Board approves sending 3 Directors (Chair & 2 Directors/2 Councillors), together with the Staff (3), to the upcoming Annual OBIAA Conference in London, April 10-12, 2016;

AND FURTHER THAT all expenses related to the conference (registration, accommodation, travel) will be covered;

AND FURTHER THAT a report will be made to the Board following the Conference.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETINGS

AGM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH ... Respect is Burning (upstairs)

REGULAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD ... 4P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

16-57 Vincent - Browning

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

CARRIED

Chair

Executive Director