

15TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF 'DOWNTOWN SUDBURY'

Monday, October 1, 2012

7 Cedar St., Board Room

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD AT 4:30 P.M.

S. VINCENT IN THE CHAIR.

PRESENT

J. Chevrier, P. Thurston, D. Brouse, J. Browning, A. Lenardich, N. Bertolo McAloney, F. Belli

REGRETS

J. MacIntyre

ALSO PRESENT

M. Luoma Executive Director

Guests David Robinson, Dale Wilson – 'Imagine Sudbury'

Susan Thompson – DVDC

GUESTS

'Imagine Sudbury'

D. Robinson presented an overview of the status of this organization and the efforts, economic impact, expectations, etc. related to the removal of rail lines from the downtown, including:

- Need for a feasibility study – generated through the City and in partnership with CP and the Private Sector
- CP has indicated interest in meetings and discussion to date, understanding that a rail relocation as outlined would be of benefit

It was noted that the BIA might assist by ...

- Request the City initiate a Feasibility Study – as outlined above
- Encourage the City to reiterate that they support the removal of the rail (as it fits with various economic development discussions ie Downtown Master Plan, etc.) and would like to meet with CP to discuss this further

DVDC

S. Thompson provided an update on activities of the DVDC (Downtown Village Development Corporation) – as part of the 'Downtown Partnership' – including: funding status, business recruitment/retention efforts, housing intensification initiatives and discussions, etc.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to forward a letter to DVDC reaffirming both partnership support and financial support (as per 2012 budget and resolution).

PART ONE – CONSENT AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12-43 Thurston – Bertolo

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

CARRIED

C-1 Board of Directors

12-44 Bertolo – Browning

THAT the minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Board (September 18, 2012), as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

PART TWO – REGULAR AGENDA

R-1 CHAIR’S REPORT

TABLED

R-2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Report covering activities for the month of September, 2012, was previously circulated and questions invited.

12-45 Thurston – Bertolo

THAT the Executive Director’s Report, dated September 2012, as duplicated and circulated, be hereby accepted.

CARRIED

PROCEED PAST

12-46 Browning – Bertolo

THAT we proceed past 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

R-3 PROGRAM/PROJECT UPDATES

Casino Project

Member Survey, conducted in June through Oraclepoll was previously circulated.

Further to discussion, the following resolution was presented:

12-47 Browning – Bertolo

WHEREAS a Member Survey, on the issue of a Casino, was conducted in June 2012 by Oraclepoll;

AND WHEREAS 76% of respondents would support having the new casino development located in the downtown of the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT ‘Downtown Sudbury’ Board of Directors supports this position, as reflected by the Member Survey.

CARRIED

Downtown Partnerships

As discussed at the September meeting of the Board, Directors indicated concern related to communications with the 'Downtown Partnership' – most specifically at various levels with the City of Greater Sudbury. It was agreed that, to effectively move forward with the implementation of various projects and programs (including Downtown Streetscape; Master Plan; etc) a stronger liaison and communication is required.

Further to discussion and the need for a stronger collaborative relationship, Staff was directed to schedule a joint meeting of the 'Downtown Partnership' ... including: both the DVDC and BIA Boards, Mayor Matichuk, D. Nadorozny, I. Woods, Councillors Belli, Caldarelli, Landry-Altman.

R-4 OTHER

Board Vacancy

S. Vincent advised Directors of Executive Committee discussion on this matter and the recommendation to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of D. Gainer. The following resolution was then presented:

12-48 Browning – Lenardich

WHEREAS, due to the resignation of D. Gainer, there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors of 'Downtown Sudbury':

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board requests City Council to formally appoint Brian McCullagh, Director, Vianet, to fill this vacancy for the balance of the Term 2011-2014.

CARRIED

Board Strategy Session

As per discussion at the September Board meeting, the Executive Director advised that G. Labelle has been confirmed as 'Facilitator'. In addition, a number of potential dates were previously circulated. Further to discussion, the following was agreed upon:

Date	Monday, November 5 th (following regular Board Meeting)
Time	begin at 3:30 p.m.
Location	Fromagerie Elgin (tbc)

Panhandling Issue

Directors were updated on this issue, further to various emails, media coverage, etc. It was noted that the Police intend to schedule a meeting with the Coalition Against Poverty. Directors will be advised of the date so that they may attend.

Boundary Expansion

J. Browning raised the matter of Boundary Expansion (as discussed by the Board earlier in the year), noting that there are a number of businesses/property owners that have expressed interest in joining. The Executive Director advised of initial discussions with the City and upcoming meeting on this matter.

NEXT MEETING

- **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH ... 3:30 P.M. ... STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

12-49 Browning

THAT we do now adjourn. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Chair

Executive Director