



PRESTON STREET BIA

Minutes AGM 2022

Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Sala San Marco

Board Attendance: Antonella Ceglia, Tony Zacconi, Claudio Lepore, Lauryn Santini, Marcus Filoso, Steve Moffatt, Sabrina Mtanos, Shane Olsen, Lindsay Childerhose

Absent: Steve Moffatt, Joey Frangione

Membership Attendance: Delio D'Angelo, Joe Cotroneo – Pub Italia, Eli Skaff – Avenue North Realty, Maria Papalia – La Roma Restaurant, Peter Murphy – Heart and Crown, Karen McDonald – Preston Dental Centre, Houry Avedissian – Ha2 Architectural Design, Natalie Easu – The Upkeep Shoppe, Megan Wright – The Upkeep Shoppe, Anka Vukovic – Ankas Hair and Aesthetics, Akil Mesiwala – Box of Life, Nino Shalal – La Favorita, Nelio Hensley – La Dolce Vita, Paula Hensley – La Dolce Vita, Tuan Nguyen – Kiko Sushi, Francine Chan – Nuchic Hair Salon, Teegavarapu Sarath - Vivaan, Robin Guy – The Gladstone Theatre, Betsey Burns Johnston – The Gladstone Theatre

Community Partners:

Lydia DiFrancesco, Italian Week Ottawa
Giuseppe Castrucci, FCA Ottawa
Marc Tyverge, Hobin Architecture

Presentation: Development in Little Italy Presentation by Marc Tyverge, Hobin Architecture.

Motion to approve the 2021 Annual General Meeting minutes.

Moved by Shane Olsen.

Seconded by Tony Zacconi.

Unanimously accepted.

Motion to approve the 2021 Annual General Meeting agenda.

Moved by Tony Zacconi.

Seconded by Tuan Nguyen.

Unanimously accepted.

Chairwoman's Report: Presentation of the Annual Report and Year in Review by Lindsay Childerhose

Question – *Has there been any contact with the ministry about the murals and the bridge replacement?*



The BIA received an updated timeline for the Preston Street Bridge Replacement from the Ministry in September. The bridge lift is now slated to take place on the weekend of July 25-29, 2024, however there will be impacts on Preston Street as early as June 2023. While MTO and the City have made it clear that preliminary work will not start on Preston Street before the Italian Festival weekend in 2023, they do not anticipate that we will have access to the 301 Preston lot by June of 2024.

The City has put us in contact with Chad Manion from the Ministry of Transportation to begin discussions on preserving, relocating, and/or replacing the existing facets of the underpass, including the heritage murals and street furniture. A small budget to help with preliminary costs (moving the panels, managing expectations, etc.) for the bridge replacement work has been included in the 2023 budget. We hope to book a meeting with Chad and other MTO representatives to create a shared plan for the underpass and mural project.

A brief update on the LRT and Multi-Use Pathway was provided. At the end of August, The BIA was able to report via newsletter that the LRT had concluded their work on the Trillium MUP, meaning that the temporary bike lane, which had been rerouted onto Preston Street in 2019, would now be removed. As a result, Preston will regain over 40 on-street parking spots to support vehicle access to main street businesses. At the same time, the roundabout on Young Street has been completely reinstated.

Question - *Concerning Settimana Italiana and the BIA, is there some kind of partnership going forward on the Italian festival?*

This year, Italian Week came to us with a unique sponsorship proposal for the Italian Festival that aimed to maximize the amount of grant funding they could apply for from provincial funders for the event. The Board voted to approve sponsoring Italian Week, which involved partnering with them on Bike Race and Ferrari Festival programming. The Board had two main objectives with this approach; we wanted our organizations to work much more closely together in the planning of the festival and wanted to allow Italian Week the opportunity to show us that they could maximize the event budget in the way that they had proposed. This was a one-year agreement that was subject to review during a post-mortem meeting held by all organizing parties. We did feel that it worked to achieve improved collaboration between our organizations, however, this was not a multi-year, enduring commitment. All sponsorships for the Italian Festival in 2023 will be revisited, distinctly, in the new year, if similar proposals are received.

Presentation of the proposed budget for 2023.

Motion to approve the BIA budget for 2023.

Moved by Tony Zacconi.

Seconded by Joey Frangione.

All in favour. Unanimously accepted.



Presentation of the 2023-2027 Board of Directors Candidates.

Motion to approve the new Board of Directors for the 2023-2027 term.

Moved by Tuan Nguyen

Seconded by Maria Papalia

All in favour. Unanimously accepted.

Motion to close the Annual General Meeting for 2020.

Moved by Steve Moffatt.

Seconded by Tony Zacconi.

All in favour. Unanimously accepted.