



**Preston Street BIA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Collaburo, 499 Preston Street
Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Board Attendance: Steve Moffatt, Joey Frangione, Sabrina Mtanos, Lauryn Santini, Tony Zacconi, Claudio Lepore, Houry Avedissian, Daniele Cambareri, Lindsay Childerhose, Katy Morassutti

Absent: Marcus Filoso, Shane Olsen

Membership Attendance: Anka Vukovic – Anka's Hair & Esthetics, Elias Skaff – Avenue North Realty, Gabrielle Assaf – Carmelito Café, Mohammad Dourou - Collaburo, Hanan Mahmoud - Collaburo, Hazel Smith - Collaburo, John Young – Family Table, Nelio Caldeira – La Dolce Vita, Onnika Caldeira – La Dolce Vita, Maria Papalia – La Roma, Jonathan Kardash Marklyn Management Ltd., Francine Chan NuChic Hair, Lexie – Plant & Curio, Joe Cotroneo – Pub Italia, Betania Romero – Si Senior, Kristen Buter – Soho Italia, Jonathan Hobin - SPAO, Katie Lydiatt - SPAO, Robin Guy – The Gladstone, Betsy Burns Johnson – The Gladstone, Tracy Turnbull – The Moonroom, Steve Gadhy – Vernini Classico, Maddy Rolfe - Yogatown, Adam Galland – La Dolce Vita, Shawna – Heart & Crown, Carly – Heart & Crown, Bongo Biche – Preston Event Centre, Max Anisman – Flapjacks/Si Senior, Claudia Nernadez – Casa Mexico, Gueya Didy – Umbrella Burger, Gordan Chan – NuChic Hair, Dan Andre – The Moonroom

Community Partners: Lydia Di Francesco – Italian Week Ottawa, City Councilor Ariel Troster, Tessa Franklin, Angelo Filoso – Committee Member, Laura Scaffidi, David Harding – Bicycle Race Ottawa, Doug Corner – Bicycle Race Ottawa, Suzanne Obiorah - SWCHC, Dawn Lyons - SWCHC

7:00pm Welcoming Remarks

Motion to Open the Meeting

Moved by: Steve Moffatt

Seconded by: Lauryn Santini

Unanimously Accepted.

Motion to Approve the 2022 AGM Minutes

Moved by: Steve Moffatt

Seconded by: Robin Guy

Unanimously Accepted.



Motion to Approve the Agenda

Moved by: Joey Frangione

Seconded by: Houry Avedissian

Unanimously Accepted.

7:05pm - Address from City Councillor Ariel Troster.

7:15pm - Guest presentation by Suzanne Obiorah and Dawn Lyons from Somerset West Community Health Centre.

7:30pm - Chairman's Report: Presentation of the Annual Report and Year in Review by Lindsay Childerhose

7:40pm - Presentation by Angelo Filoso, Second Archway Committee Chair

7:45pm - Presentation by Jon Hobin, Director of SPAO

7:55pm - Presentation of the proposed budget for 2024

Key highlights for the 2024 Budget include:

- The levy will be increased by 5% from 85% to 90% the pre-pandemic levy amount in 2024.
- A \$160,000 contribution from the reserve will be added to BIA revenues to fund pre-construction costs for the Second Archway Project.
- The event budget for Italian Festival in 2024 reflects actual spending from 2023, which saw increases in the cost of road closure and security personnel, paid-duty police, and increased sponsorship amounts to maintain event quality amid supply shortages and price increases.
- A budget of \$20,000 has been included in the Maintenance and Operating budget for archway electrical maintenance and any costs associated with the bridge replacement in 2024.

Motion to Approve the 2024 Budget

Moved by: Steve Moffatt

Seconded by: Tony Zacconi

The motion has passed.

8:00pm - Chairman's Address: Steve Moffatt, Chairman

Question – *What are the dates for next year's Italian Festival?*

The dates for next year's Ottawa Italian Festival are June 14-16, 2024.



Question – *After recent incidents involving a death of a cyclist, will there be an enhanced police presence in the neighbourhood?*

Ariel Troster responds;

City Council is working with Ottawa Police to ensure safety on all intersections; however, to keep tragedies like this from happening, the city must fix streets and improve roadway design. After the deadly incident at Gladstone and Rochester in June, the city made immediate changes to that intersection, and they are continuing to look at other pain points in Centretown. If there is a persistent problem or concern for safety regarding speeding, criminal behaviour, or an intersection that appears to be a pain point, please contact the City Councillor's office (ariel.troster@ottawa.ca). The way to prevent these accidents from happening is through intelligent design.

Question – **What will happen to the heritage mural project?**

The BIA worked closely with MTO and the City of Ottawa to safely remove and store the heritage mural panels, overpass signs and blade signs last month. The panels are being safely stored at Bayview Yards during the construction period. Once the rapid bridge replacement is complete in fall of 2024, the BIA will apply to the MTO to reinstall the mural project. Reinstallation of the new underpass facets is not expected to take place until spring of 2025.

Question – **During the bridge construction, will there be anyone directing traffic?**

The BIA has reached out to MTO requesting traffic control plans for the three-week period before and after the bridge lift weekend. Specifically, the BIA has asked if and how businesses on St. Anthony Street and Young Street will be blocked in by the bridge replacement road closures. The BIA will also address road and pedestrian safety with the MTO. When the BIA receives these plans, they will be shared with the members and directly with the members who will be most impacted by the road closures.

Motion to close the Annual General Meeting for 2023

Moved by: Steve Moffatt

Seconded by: Bongo Biche

Unanimously accepted.