



**Preston Street BIA
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**October 7, 2025, 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Zoom Video Call**

Attendees: Lauryn Santini, Marcus Filoso, Joey Frangione, Claudio Lepore, Lindsay Childerhose

Absentees: Tony Zacconi, Sabrina Mtanos, Shauna Bradley, Ariel Troster

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Joey Frangione at 10:05am.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Lauryn Santini and Joey Frangione.

2. Executive Director's Report

2.1 Heritage Mural Update

2.1.1 Painted Mural

Lindsay provided an update on the painted mural on the Queensway underpass.

2.1.2 Mural Panels

The Board agreed that eligible businesses may apply for a mural panel as part of the underpass mural project.

- Eligible businesses will be asked to submit a letter outlining their historical connection and contribution to Preston Street.
- Criteria were set at a minimum of 20 years in operation, with a minimum of 15 years on Preston Street.
- The original artist will be contacted to complete the panels, or, if unavailable, a suitable match will be found.

2.2 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm at the Heart and



Crown. The date and meeting agenda have been shared with the membership. Lindsay is to provide an update on invitees and guest speakers at the next meeting.

2.3 2026 Budget

2.3.1 Levy

The Board discussed maintaining the 2026 levy amount at the same level as 2025, following last month's special resolution to eliminate certain levy agreements and recalculate the levy distribution.

2.3.2 Budget Considerations

The BIA has received sponsorship requests for 2026.

2.3.3 Sponsorship Requests

FCA Ottawa has submitted a sponsorship request to the BIA asking for a \$55,000 contribution to the Ferrari Festival in 2026. The Board discusses the rising cost of the event each year and asks that the final sponsorship amount will be sent for e-vote.

2.4 Governance Documents

Lindsay shared a draft of the updated Constitution and Governance Handbook for 2025, which consolidates the BIA's 2019 Constitution, 2021 amendments, and 2024 Expenditure Management Policy.

The Board is to review the document and provide feedback.

2.5 Hiring Update

The BIA has signed an employment agreement with Katie Hetherington, who will begin her role on October 13.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05am.