



**Preston Street BIA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, November 17, 2025, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
Heart and Crown Preston**

**Board Members Present:** Steve Moffatt, Lauryn Santini, Marcus Filoso, Joey Frangione, Shauna Bradley, Tony Zacconi, Claudio Lepore

**Regrets:** Sabrina Mtanos

**BIA Staff:** Lindsay Childerhose, Katie Hetherington

**City of Ottawa:** Ariel Troster, Tessa Franklin

**Community Partners:** Doug Corner, David Bilenky, Cameron MacIntosh, Mariano Ranallo, Domenic Ricci, Delio D'Angelo, Katie Paris, Laura Mueller, Richard Waterhouse, Allan Yogainsam

**Members Present:** A list of member attendees is on file with the Executive Director.

**7:00 pm - Welcoming Remarks**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Steve Moffatt.**

**Motion to Approve the 2024 AGM Minutes**

*Moved by: Tony Zacconi*

*Seconded by: Steve Moffatt*

*Unanimously Accepted.*

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

*Moved by: Tony Zacconi*

*Seconded by: Shauna Bradley*

*Unanimously Accepted.*



**7:15 pm - Presentation by Katie Paris from the National Capital Commission on the Building Lebreton Project**

**Question – Will the new stadium have parking?**

There will be a limited amount of onsite parking. Other means of transportation such as the LRT and shuttle buses will be available.

**7:20 pm - Executive Director's Report: Year in Review by Lindsay Childerhose**

**7:30 pm - Address from City Councillor Ariel Troster**

**7:34 pm - Auditor's Report and Value of the Reserve Fund**

**7:35 pm - Presentation of the Proposed Budget for 2026**

**Motion to Approve the 2026 Budget**

*Moved by: Steve Moffatt*

*Seconded by: Tony Zacconi*

*Unanimously Accepted.*

**7:38 pm Announcement of Boundary Expansion**

**Question – What is the Board's position on keeping the Italian festival on Father's Day weekend going forward?**

The City's Event Central team has indicated that Escapade Music Festival will take place on Father's Day weekend in 2026. Due to limited police resources, the Ottawa Italian Festival will need to take place on the second weekend in June. The BIA Board agrees that it is important to keep Father's Day weekend as the default date for the festival going forward. They will continue to work with City partners, event partners, and other stakeholders.

**Question – Please address parking and snow removal**

Members have expressed concerns regarding the negative impact of the City's paid parking changes, which were implemented in Little Italy south in September. The city has committed to reviewing these parking changes in two years' time. In the meantime, the BIA will collect data on the impact of these parking changes on traffic, revenues, and customer behavior.



Members with specific concerns about snow removal should reach out to the BIA, and staff can connect them with the appropriate Traffic and Roads contacts at the City of Ottawa.

### **7:50 pm - Presentation by Richard Waterhouse from the Ontario Centre for Innovation on Small Business Funding**

#### **Q&A Summary**

During the open question period, members raised several questions and comments:

- **Paid Parking Changes:**

Some members shared strong concerns about the paid parking changes, characterizing it as a financial burden on businesses and customers. Comparisons were made to past decades when street parking was free, and business activity was perceived to be stronger.

While the City has committed to reviewing these changes after two years, the BIA will be collecting insights from businesses on the immediate impact of these changes. If there is a strong case, the BIA can explore a route to bring that data to City Council.

- **Parking and Curbside Pickup:**

Members noted challenges with customers stopping briefly for pickup orders, expressing that paid parking, active bylaw enforcement, and slow snow removal on Beech Street make short-term parking difficult and discourage quick-stop visits.

Curbside parking and aggressive bylaw enforcement is an ongoing issue across Little Italy. The BIA will include these concerns in parking advocacy going forward alongside paid parking.

- **City-Related Questions:**

Several questions related to City parking policy and enforcement were raised. The Councillor did not take questions on this topic, and the Executive Director provided the information currently available from recent discussions with City staff.

- **Italian Festival Dates:**

A question was raised about why the Italian Festival no longer occurs on the traditional third weekend in June, with members expressing interest in understanding the reasoning



behind past and future date changes.

The date change in recent years was due to a conflict with Formula One. While the festival will be on the second weekend in June (12-14) next year, it is the position of the Board to keep Father's Day as an option for the event going forward.

- **Archway Project Funding:**

A question was asked about the current value of funding available for the new archway project and how those funds are allocated.

The accumulated surplus held with the City of Ottawa is reserved for special projects, including the archway. The audited value of the reserve at year end 2024 is near \$290,000.

**Motion to close the Annual General Meeting for 2025**

*Moved by: Joey Frangione*

*Unanimously accepted*

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.**