

## Locke St BIA Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2017

### Attendees:

- Tony Greco, Ian Ross, Susan Gregor, Kate Torelli, Jeff Crump, Bettina Schormann, Robert Bernacci, Kirsten McNamee

### 3.0 Financial Statement Report

- Balance looks healthy and are in line with budget projections  
Current bank balance \$65,923.00  
Accounts Receivable \$3,897.00  
Income for 2017 \$76,142.00  
Current Expenses \$64,326.00  
Surplus \$11,815.00 will be spent on Christmas  
Expected to break even, may have a small deficit at end year  
Tony has a cheque for \$3,184.27 from The City of Hamilton to deposit  
\$500 raised from filming

### 4.0 New Business

#### 4.1 Chair Report – Tony Greco

- **Street Maintenance**  
Branches obstructing banners to be trimmed by The City of Hamilton.
- **Festival Update**  
Locke Street BIA may reach out for external help (a paid position) for Locke Street Festival from Barton Street BIA.  
This position should be offered to current members before farming it out.
- **Hydro Update**  
It was suggested that a sub-committee is created to communicate information and updates in regards to hydro pole works and construction.  
Sub-committee submit the details/minutes to put on website.  
An effective committee with a broad voice for construction is required.  
A Chair for the “Construction Committee” is needed to offer updates at BIA meetings.
- **Impact of \$14 minimum wage**  
There was a general discussion amongst the attendees on how to deal with the minimum wage increase on January 1, 2018.  
Increase in minimum wage, those with multiple minimum wage employees are concerned about the expense to small businesses.  
How are they going to approach this change?  
Increase prices, how does this effect business?  
Hire less individuals at hourly minimum wage?  
Are those on salary also expecting a pay rise?  
Is there information from the City in regards to the increase in minimum wage?

## **4.2 Special Events Update**

### **Christmas Update**

- Friday, November 24 2017, tree lighting and Window Wonderland was a success.  
A great attendance.  
Businesses did in fact feel busier on this evening and have responded favourably.  
Issue with the lights during ceremony.  
The lights on the lower end of tree blew.  
Issue corrected Sunday November 26, new lights were purchased and switched out.

## **5.0 Other Business**

### **6.0 Adjournment**

- Next meeting January 23, 2018