

Locke Street South BIA Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2017 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Melrose United Church, 86 Homewood Ave., Hamilton

In Attendance:

Margo Foreman, Rebecca Bamford, Paul Furlong, Aidan Johnson, Susan Gregor, Carlo Gorni, Kirsten McNamee, Mitch Knott (City of Hamilton), Mike Becke (City of Hamilton) Megan Cecilioni, Gary Moore (City of Hamilton) Sue Gunter, Sean and Tamara McKaig, Doug McKerlie, Al Giannattasio, Ian Ross, Diana McClure, Frank Torelli, Tony Greco, Brandon Stanicak, Jerry

Tony Greco welcomed all to the meeting and in particular the representatives from the City of Hamilton who arrived with the proposed plans to upgrade Locke Street in 2019.

1.0 Greetings

Councillor Aidan addressed the Committee: Aidan stated that he was pleased that the City planners were in attendance and the meeting is well attended. He asked that any questions about the Locke Remediation should be addressed to the City representatives while here, but follow-up could be addressed to the Councillor's office email.

2.0 Presentation by Gary Moore, Mitch Knott, and Mike Becke of the City of Hamilton

Gary Moore indicated that the process is at the beginning stages and that staff were providing a high level overview. The process of consulting the BIA will continue throughout the street remediation process and until the project is complete.

A question was asked if the timing of the work had been booked.

Gary Moore stated that the work would likely be from April to November. Although he understood February to October was better for retail, he could not make any promises. Presently, staff are working on the co-ordination of surface features, hydro, water mains, hydrants, and accesses. The plans include the 'bumpouts' planned for the BIA section of the street.

A question was asked what the bumpouts are for and will that take away parking spaces. A question was asked about 'best practices' for the use of 'bumpouts.'

Bumpouts are being used across the City for the BIA areas and neighbourhoods. The planned bumpouts have increased the number of parking spaces for customers.

Bumpouts are designed 'traffic calming'. They are meant to reduce the time/space for pedestrians to cross a road, allow places for hydrants, benches, bike parking, garbage bins, decorative lighting etc. Bumpouts meet the new AODA for disabled persons with consistent 6' of sidewalk, urban braille, banding of sidewalks, etc.

Bumpouts help delineated parking spaces. However, if the BIA does not want the bumpouts as noted, then they could review the placement and discuss with City staff.

A question was asked if it was possible for the hydro lines to be buried, and an increase in lighting on the street.

Gary Moore stated that the City does not have the money for this type of outlay. There was a consensus that burying cable, hydro, and Bell wires would be helpful. However, the money would have to be obtained from the Utility providers.

Regarding the increase in lighting: currently, lighting is only on the west side of the street, but the poles have the curve over the street and are typical for lighting. Lights will be changed to the LED type over time.

A question was asked if there was to be a subsidy from the City for the loss of businesses as seen on other streets that were closed.

They are no subsidies available from the City during road construction. That is one of the reasons staff are planning so long in advance in order that businesses can adapt and work with the public to keep the focus on the businesses rather than the construction. Gary Moore suggested that there is a possibility of having one half of the street open at a time. It was also suggested that businesses may take time to 'renovate' their businesses during this period. The City will work to minimize the disruption, with construction bridges and pedestrian access points along the street.

A question was asked if this plan included the details of lighting, decorations etc.

Currently the design is very high level and details of the type of sidewalk, where to have decorative boulevards etc., will be part of a later consultation with the BIA.

Tony Greco thanked the representatives from the City. The drawings will be laminated and made available for viewing on the street.

2.0 Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2017

MOTION: to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved by: Frank Torelli Seconded by: Ian Ross

APPROVED

3.0 Business Arising from Minutes - None

4.0 Financial Statement Report: Diana McClure

Diana McClure presented the January and February Statements. Diana reported there is no real change in this month's statement and that 2017 is carrying a small deficit due to the timing of the grants. Currently assets stand at \$48,000.

4.1 Approval of the Operating Statement

MOTION: to approve the January 31, 2017 and February 28, 2017 operating statements as discussed:

Moved by: Doug McKerlie Seconded by: Sue Gregor

APPROVED

5.0 New Business

5.1 Chair Report – Diana McClure

Tony Greco welcomed Al Giannattasio as a new member of the Locke Street South BIA Board.

5.2 Festival Committee Update

Brandon Stanicak stated that the meetings are the first Monday of every month in the boardroom of The WestTown and all are welcome. Margo Foreman reported that there will be three (3) music stages and a new stage for the Family Free Zone to include jugglers, magicians etc.

5.3 Advertising Update – Frank Torelli

The Generator continues to handle social media with good results. The use of Twitter, Instagram and Facebook on the street is increasing. Upcoming advertising is planned in the Bay Observer and The Spectator.

6.0 Other Business

- 6.1 Tony Greco asked if a group of people were interested in being part of the liaison group with the City for the street remediation project – Sue Gregor, Al Giannattasio and Doug McKerlie volunteered. Doug also suggested Jamie Krakowski be invited to participate. Ian Ross suggested Matt Madigan to be part of this group. Tony will follow-up with both people.

7.0 Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the April 25, 2017 meeting of the Locke Street South BIA at 8:03 PM.

Moved by: Ian Ross Seconded by: Diana McClure

APPROVED