

# North End Business Improvement Zone

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, UNF Hall, 935 Main Street

### MINUTES

**Present:** 28 Business Members as per sign in sheet

**Guests:** 4 as per sign in sheet

**City of Winnipeg:** Denis Fletcher

BIZ Administrator: Astrid Lichti

1. **Networking and Dinner:** Dinner provided by M&S Meats and Pizzarama. Members and guests were encouraged to take leftovers home.

2. A welcome was extended to all present and the board members were acknowledged. Those individuals making presentations were introduced.

3. **The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.** Board member Kerstin Warren has volunteered to be Minute Taker.

#### 4. **Presentations:**

(a) **Manitoba Hydro:** Josee Lepine discussed Hydro's Power Smart for Business subsidy program. This program provides some free upgrades as well as financial incentives for energy efficient upgrades. Payment plans are also available. The business must be under 10,000 square feet and have 6 or fewer locations (if a chain). The first step is that an Ecofit representative visits and determines what upgrades can quality, and this assessment is free of charge. A quotation is then provided (Ecofit subsidizes up to 70% of the upgrades) and if the business accepts, Ecofit will schedule all work, supplies, contractor(s) and permits. Full information packages were distributed to the membership encouraging them to visit the website or call for further information or to schedule a free assessment.

**Question:** Does MB Hydro provide any solar incentive programs?

**Answer:** Yes, but limited, and it is a 2 year pilot program ending soon.

(b) **SecureAll:** Stan Bardal, Mike Waite and Matthew Penner spoke about an alternative to traditional glass windows and doors. ClearSecure windows are 300 times stronger than traditional glass, do not discolour, and can withstand impacts ranging from stones, balls, bats, hammers, mallets etc... with most graffiti being able to be wiped off. The windows can also be glazed to provide sun/heat relief, tinted or frosted. Clear secure windows are an alternative to shutters and bars for commercial businesses. The company also provides installation of stainless steel screens, tear and cut proof. SecureAll brought a display of numerous windows and screen samples and demonstrated the strength of the windows by attempting to break them with a hammer.

**Question:** How are the windows installed?

**Answer:** They can be installed either on the interior or exterior of the building, dependent upon the best application and they bond over the existing window frame.

**Question:** How much do the windows cost?

**Answer:** Generally double the price of regular double pane glass, but if you are replacing doors and windows on a repeat basis, from vandalism or break in's this is an economical option in the long run. The intruders cannot break the glass and cannot gain entry through a ClearSecure window or door.

**Question:** Has anybody present had one of these windows or doors installed?

**Answer:** Yes (Northern Hotel). Keith Horn gave a testimonial.

5. **Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the North End BIZ 2016 Annual General Meeting. Rob McDonald, Seconded Dr. Wenchao Zheng, Carried.

6. **President's Report:** President Matt de la Lande spoke of all the work the board has done in the past year to implement revitalization projects such as the holiday lights program and hanging baskets. The board is committed to working towards reducing the negative perception some people may have of the area. Matt thanked all those who have worked together to move the BIZ's projects forward and have volunteered of their time.

7. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Keith Horn read his report (included in the AGM package) and highlighted that the BIZ's levy has remained the same, at 1.39% and project funds utilized surplus funds.

(a) **Motion:** To approve the 2016 Audit. Matt de la Lande, Seconded Izzy Sethi, Carried.

(b) **Motion:** To appoint MNP for the 2017 North End BIZ Audit. Robert McDonald, Seconded Majid Chaudhary, Carried.

(c) **Motion:** To approve the Proposed 2018 Budget. Angelo Tiganagas, Seconded Shaun Nodrick, Carried.

8. **Report on all nominations** received by the deadline of 4:00 p.m., November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017: 3 nomination forms were received, Rob McDoanld, Keith Horn, David Kan. As there are only 3 positions vacant, all candidates are elected by acclamation.

9. **New Business:** None brought forward.

10. **Motion to adjourn:** Kevin Hiebert

*Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.*