

North End Business Improvement Zone

2022 Annual General Meeting

November 16th, 2:30 p.m., via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Eileen Shewchuk, Keith Horn, Savannah Szurlej, Paul Szurlej, Martin Pasieczka (NEDO, City of Winnipeg), Astrid Lichti (NEB Administrator)

1. The Meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m.

2. **Motion: To appoint Astrid Lichti as the Minute Taker, Eileen Shewchuk, Seconded Savannah Szurlej, Carried.**

3. Approve the Minutes of the 2021 AGM:

Motion: Savannah Szurlej, Seconded Eileen Shewchuk, Carried.

4. Report from the President: Given verbally, thanks to Admin for work over the past year, hope for overall improvements in 2023 (city/province/country/globally).

5. Projects Report (Admin): Posted on website, brief overview.

6. Financial Report

(a) Approve the 2021 Audit by MNP:

Motion: Savannah Szurlej, Seconded Eileen Shewchuk, Carried.

(b) Appoint MNP as the Auditor for the 2022 Audit:

Motion: Keith Horn, Seconded Savannah Szurlej, Carried.

(c) Approve the Proposed 2022 Budget:

Motion: Savannah Szurlej, Seconded Keith Horn, Carried.

7. Report on all Nominations received by November 14th, 4:00 p.m.: None received.

8. Questions submitted by the membership by November 14th, 4:00 p.m.: None received.

Discussion and Comments:

- Kub bread is closing after 100 years in business.
- Young people do not walk around as much as in the past, basically transportation from one destination to another via bus or car (very little pedestrian), citing

safety issues, more a "Winnipeg thing" in the downtown and core areas; other major cities in Canada (US etc...) more on top of safety issues.

- Golden Hand moving into new location at 967 Main after several years of delays due to City permit(s) issues. Having more of a "soft opening" with something large planned in the New Year.
- Preference for keeping the board meetings in the afternoons during business hours, not infringing on personal time, keeping to second week of the month, can be Tuesday to Thursday, preference for virtual meetings at this time.
- Recommendation from NEDO that later mid afternoon time slot to allow for Councillor to conclude City obligation(s) schedule, 3:30 or later suggested. Admin to reach out in the next few days to find out what is preferred by Councillor Eadie.
- UNF Hall hosting new Ukrainian immigrants and providing support programs through Main Street location, could be a source of labour for NEB businesses to draw from.

Note: Eileen Shewchuk left the meeting briefly between 2:41 p.m. and 2:48 p.m.

- Discussion as to what other BIZ's are doing to stimulate attendance, 3/4 going back to in person AGM with dinner. NEB first AGM for 2022. All BIZ's experiencing the challenge of low participation.
- City PP&D Director (John Kiernan) retiring in spring 2023, department may be without head Director until position filled.
- City NEDO reporting the Councillor Ross Eadie is supporting the North End and Selkirk BIZ's at City Hall.

Note: Tentative: Next Board Meeting Date: Wednesday December 14th, 2:30 p.m. (Admin to pole board).

9. Motion to Adjourn: Savannah Szurlej.

Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.