

North End Business Improvement Zone

2023 Annual General Meeting

November 21st, 2023, UNF Hall, 935 Main

MINUTES

Attendance: As per attendance sign in sheet

17 Total

8 Member Businesses (voting)

1 Councillor (voting)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. with President Keith Horn acting Chair.

2. **Motion: To appoint North End BIZ Administrator Astrid Lichti as Minute Taker, Councillor Ross Eadie, Seconded Tom Krupa, Carried.**

3. **Motion: To approve the North End BIZ, 2022, Annual General Meeting Minutes, Tom Krupa, Seconded Keith Horn, Carried.**

4. Report from the President: Provided in the AGM package prior/posted, brief synopsis given verbally. Keith Horn, President, will remain on the Board as Past Chair.

5. Projects Report (Administrator): Provided in the AGM package prior/posted, brief synopsis given.

- Note: Councillor Eadie expressed frustration with the upcoming budget not allowing in it for Capital Grants for BIZ streetscape renewals; and prediction that this fund will be eliminated entirely. Expression that the Councillor is the only Councillor advocating for these BIZ funds and that the others, after budget considerations/discussion are not in support.

6. Financial Report: Full audit for 2022 provided in AGM package/posting.

(a) **Motion: To approve the 2022 Audit for the North End BIZ, prepared by MNP, Anthony Horn, Seconded Ross Eadie, Carried.**

(b) **Motion: To appoint MNP the Auditor for the 2023 Audit, Dr. Ryan Head, Seconded Anthony Horn, Carried.**

- Notes: Martin Pasieczka (NEDO, City of Winnipeg) spoke as to the Draft budget not increasing and that the NEB was the only BIZ who was reducing their levy; further questioning with the elimination of the City Capital Grant Fund why the NEB was not significantly increasing their budget (levy) and building up a significant surplus to expand current projects and add new projects.

Disagreement with President's/Board position when drafting budget to leave the budget the same in 2024 as the ARV has increased significantly, allowing for the estimated levy to drop to 1.58 from 1.8 percent. Statement from President that the draft budget allocated for all expenses, and that some surplus funds could be drawn from; supporting member businesses coming out of difficult financial times by not implementing an increase.

(c) Motion: To approve the Draft 2024 North End BIZ Budget as presented in the AGM package/posting, Anthony Horn, Seconded Ross Eadie, Carried.

- Notes: Martin Pasieczka (NEDO) spoke of a “point of procedure” whereby 2 replacement board members (Tom Krupa replaced Savannah Szurlej and Anthony Horn replaced Eileen Shewchuk, Golden Hand Jewelry and Yale Hotel) and that these appointments needed to be ratified at an AGM.

Motion: To ratify the appointment of the 2 replacement Board of Directors, Ross Eadie, seconded Keith Horn, Carried.

7. Report on Nominations received by November 20th, 2023: None received.

- Note: Councillor Ross Eadie brought forward verbally a letter from Matt de la Lande from M.C. Delandes had been received, whereby he states he would like to nominate himself and his Wife Rosa to the board. Confirmation only one individual per member business can be on the board; nomination form was not submitted. Answer from Ross Eadie that in the past a Selkirk BIZ member sent such a letter nominating himself and the Selkirk BIZ chose to move ahead with the nomination. Discussion that the person in question can not self nominate and should be present for the nomination process. Decision by Ross Eadie (refer back to past decision with Selkirk BIZ elections) that he will nominate Matt de la Lande.

Motion: To nominate Matt de La Lande to the North End BIZ Board, Ross Eadie, seconded Anthony Horn, Carried.

Further to M.C. Delandes' letter indicates his discussion with other NEB members (not named) to amalgamate North End BIZ with Selkirk BIZ; confirmation that there is no provision in the original 1993 BIZ by-law nor the updated condensed 2002 BIZ by-laws to allow for this. Confirmation that new board terms will commence in January 2024.

8. Questions and comments from the Membership.

Bird Shop & Aquarium: Advice given regarding Urban Green Team street clean up: To utilize brooms and dustpans periodically, as the garbage pickers do not pick up very small items, or items flat to the ground.

Standard Insurance: Escalating issues with garbage and loitering, aggressive behaviour due to addictions. Comments as to the different application of approach in addressing the issues (different countries); lack of support for individuals who suffer from addictions.

Golden Hand Jewelry: Utilizing area individuals (who are experiencing marginal financial circumstances) for street maintenance (garbage pick up, window washing etc...) with the added goals of inspiring pride in the area; setting a good example and encouraging others to participate. Golden Hand has done outreach to business neighbours encouraging them to adopt the approach.

Northern Hotel: Knight & Day Pizza is open 24 hours (adjacent to Yale Hotel) and this is causing issues with garbage, loitering at all hours, noise issues and crime. Victoria Grocery (adjacent to Northern Hotel) is also open 24 hours and similar issues surround that property.

Angelo's Chip Shop: What can businesses do to stop the opening of 24 hour stop shops (multi level convenience), halfway houses, addiction housing etc...as it's not always a complementary fit for a business area and neighbouring businesses; there is a lack of oversight and support (counselling, police presence etc...). Answer from Ross Eadie that there is nothing that can be done as the City changed the by-laws in 2008 whereby they removed the necessity for consultation; keeping to any community overlays; and eliminated any appeals process from neighbours/business(s); community organizations, BIZ's etc... Comment that too many people were in disfavour over the years and there were too many appeals, "no one wants certain places/programs in their area, and they have to go somewhere".

- Appreciation to M&S Meats for the wonderful catering and servers, and encouraging members to take home the leftovers. The 2 opened wine boxes gifted the 2 biz members.

9. Motion to Adjourn: Anthony Horn

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.