

Lakeshore Village BIA

Annual General Meeting

November 25, 7:00pm (in person BOD Maple Leaf House, all others ZOOM)

Attendance: Chris Korwin -Kuczynski, Laura Baughman, Peter Donato, Eleni Makrikostas, Rattan Gandhi, Meghan Mesheau, Mirella Martino, Daniel Fleming, Terrence Chan, David Dwyer, Peter Kearns, Alison Juda, Alison Tunley, Laura Pantin, Monika Kakucska, Chris Mikhail, Steven Li

1. Call to Order, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

3. Approval of 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion: to move the minutes of the 2020 AGM

Laura B moved, Peter D Second (CARRIED)

All in favour, none opposed

4. 2020 Report Audited Financial Statements – Terrence Chan

- Audit internal control system – issued clean opinion
- Statement of Income – 2020 surplus of \$38,000
- Reduction of expenses – Due to COVID expenses are down
- Revenue decreased by \$7000, drop in event sponsorship

Motion: Approve the 2020 Audited Report

Laura B moved, Eleni Second (CARRIED)

All in favour, none opposed

5. Appointment of Auditor (to prepare 2021 Audited Financial Statements)

Rattan recommends continuing with Terrence Chan.

Motion: Approve CCL to continue for the 2021 Audited Statement

Eleni moved, Peter D Second (CARRIED)

All in favour, none opposed

6. Ward 3 – Councilor Grimes Office Community Update – Daniel Fleming

Reviews 2021:

- Chris KK, Daniel, Meghan performed walkthrough to review city work and any outstanding issues in BIA
- Service request numbers have been forwarded to Meghan
- Categories: Sidewalks, bike rings, tree pits, sidewalk ponding, graffiti clean-up.
- Outstanding: news corrals, some have been abandoned. How does the BIA want to move forward?
- City Council – CafeTO program made permanent. Registration opens early 2022.
- City Council - Approved new small business subclass resulting in a 15% reduction. 2022 tax year, apply to 25,000 or 60% of commercial properties.
- Looking to host skate with Santa Dec. 11 Colonel Samuel Smith Park
- Bell Boxes – worked with Street Art Toronto, New Toronto Ratepayers to get them painted.
- Cenotaph – Landscaping, will return to do lighting
- Construction on Birmingham, new development and a park, public consultation in 2022.
- 64 Thirteenth Street, entrance to Colonel Samuel Smith Park, working with parks and the property owners on beautification project
- Birmingham bike lanes – part of Vision Zero, and initiated by Second Street parents and supported by Councilor.

- Prince of Wales Park – pickle ball lines added on Tennis Court.
- Grand Avenue Park – Finished phase one

Chris KK – Street cleaning – Street vacuuming missing some of the spots, indicate this to the city. And maintain the laneways. Broom and Bag person, will do Lake Shore Blvd. once per week, please ensure this continues. Sweeper, only once, request up and down Lake Shore once per week. Thank you, Daniel for the work you are doing, and the completion of the laneway between Tenth and Eleventh.

Chris KK – Can remove any news corrals that are empty or have one box

Peter D – Lakeshore and Third, more cleaning needed, more snow removal and salt. Daniel will look into it.

Alison J – Does the Councilor's office have any additional resources that they can provide for CafeTO similar to the Port Credit BIA where they have a company lay down the outdoor patios for them?

Daniel – Can bring that question back to the office, and will provide any resources he gets to BIA.

Alison J – What has been successful in other BIA's Daniel asks for specific examples if available.

7. 2021 Year in Review and Committee Reports

Chris KK and Meghan reviewed the BIA activities for the year:

- Mental Health Webinar
- Monthly Advertising in South Etobicoke news
- Social Media ongoing with Facebook and Instagram
- Spring Clean-Up and Easter Food Drive "Cruising Easter Bunny" – successful event that engaged the community
- BIA Newsletters – monthly+, continue to find and send relevant content.
- Community Safety – CCTV Cameras approved notably Ninth and Lakeshore.
- BIA Planters – Islington Nurseries engaged for 2021 year.
- ArtworxTO grant: "Bringing the Lake to Lakeshore". Successful execution of the project, banners to remain into 2022.
- Emerging the Lakeshore Sponsorship
- Halloween Treat Corner
- Military Salute in honour of 100years of the Scottish Regiment at mural on Sixth Street.
- Remembrance Day – Sunrise Ceremony at newly landscaped Cenotaph.
- Innovation Fund – Storefront Art Initiative - \$25,000 project to animate empty and occupied storefronts.
- Streetscaping – BIA Light Poles, - all 52 bulbs replaced, replaced lights on tree at Fifth St. Still need to repair 7 poles
- Thank You Frontline Workers mural 3001 Lake Shore Blvd. finished by artist Jim Bravo
- New Website in development
- Holiday Décor – Christmas Lights, Tree Decorating Contest
- Ongoing poster initiative to encourage people to donate blood, to shop local, and vaccine pop-up location advocacy and awareness.

For 2022:

- Continuing 2021 activities
- Ensure BIA Lantern lights are in working order
- 2022 Grilled Cheese Challenge – Chris KK – Festival brought 30,000 people to the area. Hopes that the festival moves forward.
- Capital Cost Share revamp of Fifth and Lakeshore Blvd
- CafeTO permanent programming – Chris KK – will be setting up a committee in January with the restaurants to plan for the patio season. Restaurants have to use the space. Will look at any grants given from the city for the plants etc. No budget for other fencing, due to expense and it does not benefit other businesses.
- Gazebo floor replacement
- Lighthouse repainting

Peter K – Notes the business owner who posted disparaging comments on social media regarding the Grilled Cheese Festival is not present. Other business owners who supported these posts with commentary are also not present.

8. Proposed Program and Budget for 2022

Rattan reviews past budgets to nearest hundred. (planning BIA budget since 2016)

2018 - Budget \$108,000

2019 - Budget \$106,500

2020 - Budget \$109,700

2021 - Budget \$102,300

Proposing for 2022 \$99,800 which is a further decrease of 2.4%.

- General Admin costs – Difference is grant money
- 2022 – consolidating Coordinator and Social Media coordinator role
- \$12,500 Cost Share with city for the corner of Fifth and Lake Shore – what shape it will take, will be informed by input from businesses, residents, city staff and approval of city budget.
- Maintenance budget increase for lights, gazebo, lighthouse, weeding and trimming. Largest cost will likely be the street lights. \$25,000 blanket for all of these activities.
- Promotion and Communication Advertising, \$5100 Website Maintenance \$1000
- Small events – Easter, Halloween, Christmas – sponsorship of parade

Chris KK – Board is sensitive to the effects of COVID-19 on member businesses and does not want to raise the budget as everyone is suffering.

Rattan - Along with the property tax reduction, should help businesses a lot.

Motion: Approve the proposed 2022 Budget

Peter D moves, Eleni Second (CARRIED)

All in favour, none opposed

Chris KK – Thank you Rattan for putting this together.

Motion: To approve Grilled Cheese Challenge Festival for 2022 and have Hypitch execute the festival

Laura moves, Peter D Second (CARRIED)

All in favour, none opposed

Peter K – Recommends RFP for 2023, Chris agrees, will let Hypitch know and the sub-committee (to be formed).

9. New Business

Introduction: Chris Mikhail from Lakeshore Village Pharmacy

Chris KK - Next meeting will be at the call of the Chair, board will set up a committee to work with Hypitch, and set up a committee for CafeTO. Thanks the attendees, board members and coordinator

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Laura moves, Eleni second (CARRIED)

All in favour, none opposed.