MEETING OF THE LONDON DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

**Attending:** Downtown merchants and building owners (attendees listed below)

**Staff:** Vicki Smith, Kathy McLaughlin, Hailey Etchen, Barbara Maly, Jocelynn Aubertin, Mara Fraccaro, Dorothy Ouelette

- **Call to order and remarks** – Scott Collyer
  Scott Collyer called the LDBA meeting to order

1. **Conflict of interest** – none declared

2. **Minutes of November 4, 2022 Annual General Meeting**
   Motion: “to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2022 AGM”
   Moved: Michaelanne Hathaway 2nd: Lori Da Silva  Approved

3. **Actions of the Board of Directors**
   Motion: “to ratify and affirm all actions of the Board of Directors from November 4, 2022 to November 7, 2023 as presented to the members”
   Moved: Andrew McClenaghan 2nd: Steve Pellarin  Approved

4. **Approval of audited Financials**– Bonnie Wludyka- LDBA Treasurer
   Motion: “to approve the LDBA audited financial statement dated December 31, 2022”
   Moved: Bonnie Wludyka 2nd: Asaad Naeeli  Approved

5. **Review of 2023 and Looking forward to 2024** – Barbara Maly, Hailey Etchen, Kathy McLaughlin
   - BIA is responsible for overseeing the beautification and vibrancy of the downtown, maintaining municipally owned properties, and promoting and marketing the area as a commercial, dining, and shopping district
   - Created 22 mural projects and designed and installed 20 new Richmond Row banners.
   - Pressure washing program expanded to 9 months, cleaning sidewalks, vestibules, storefronts
   - $400,000 worth of gift cards handed out since the program began in Sept 2021
   - Provided in $550,000 grants to our members – both the property damage grant and the holiday window grant available this year
   - 47 new businesses opened in 2023
   - More than 1,500 events with over 720,000 were brought to the downtown this year
   - Downtown London Trails launching in November – starting with the Patisserie Trail

6. **Business Awards**– Scott Collyer and Barbara Maly
   - Business Excellence Award had 9 nominees – Taz Hair, Hassan Law, KGK Science. Black Walnut Bakery, Gourmet Deli Heroes Comics, Jill’s Table, The Tea Lounge, Art with Panache
   - Business Excellence Award winner – Jill’s Table
   - Gerald Gallacher Heart of Downtown Award had 2 nominees – Kathy Smith and Jim Yanchula
   - Gerald Gallacher Heart of Downtown Award goes to Jim Yanchula

7. **Presentation of the Proposed 2023 Budget** – Bonnie Wludyka and Vicki Smith
   - No questions from the members.

8. **30 Year Anniversary** – Scott Collyer
   - Many changes in last 30 years – Millenium Plan projects included: Budweiser Gardens, Central Library, Covent Garden Market, Forks of the Thames.
• Also saw dynamic events throughout the downtown leading to UNESCO City of Music Designation
• Have had 9 board terms with a total of 96 board members over the years.

9. Adjournment
Motion to ‘adjourn the LDBA AGM at 9:55am’
Moved: Michaelanne Hathaway        Second: Asaad Naeeli        Carried

Attendance:

@The Barre – Christine
Budweiser Garden – Brian Ohl
CBRE Limited – Sean MacDougall
Citi Plaza – Bonnie Wludyka
City of London – Skylar Franke
City of London – David Ferreira
City of London – Susan Stevenson
City of London – Jim Yanchula
City of London – Ryan Craven
City of London – Andreas DiMatta
Conron Law – Carolyn Conron
Covent Garden Market – Amy Shackleton
Dos Tacos – Asaad Naeeli
Ethical Gourmet – Brian Lavery
Farhi Holdings – Shmuel Farhi
Farhi Holdings – Marcello Vecchio
Glen CORR Management – Kristin Nielsen
Hassan Law – Hamoody Hassan
Heroes Comics – Brahm Wiseman
Hyde Park BIA – Ellen McGran
Invictus Tattoo – Brandon Bernatowycz
Invictus Tattoo – Eric Rioux-Alexander
The Well – Naomi Nadea
Jill’s Table – Jill Wilcox
Jonathon Bancroft-Snell – Brian Cooke
Terence Kernaghan
Empyrean Communications – Scott Collyer
London Bicycle Café – Andrew McClennagahan
London Music Hall of Fame – Mario Circelli
London Music Hall of Fame – Scott Bollard
London Police Service – Micheal Pottruff
London Police Service – Chief Thai Truong
London Public Library – Michael Ciccone
London Small Business – Steve Pellarin
MainStreet London – Don McCallum
Marcellos Barber Shop – Marcello Perzia
Marienbad Restaurant – Jerry Pribil
Mendes Law – Maria Mendes
Michael Gibson Gallery – Michael Gibson
The Mule – Monique Gatien
RBC Place – Lori Da Silva
Reef Parking – Shannon McCartney
Refcio & Associates – Tristan Squire-Smith
Shoppers Drug Mart – Nick Vander Gulik
Stache Fabrics – Michaelanne Hathaway
Summit Properties – Bethan Llewellyn
Taz Hair – Katie Flattery
The Tea Haus – Stefanie Stolzel
The Tea Lounge – Michelle Pierce Hamilton
To Wheels – Sheri Laidlaw
Tourism London – Judith Smith
Tricar – Adam Carapella