



**London Downtown Business Association AGM
Tuesday November 6, 2023
The London Club, 9:00 a.m.**

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 DiMattia
 Conron Law – Carolyann Conron
 Covent Garden Market – Amy Shackelton
 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 McClenaghan
 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