



London Downtown Business Association AGM
Tuesday November 5, 2024
Summit Properties
140 Fullarton Street, 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, Barbara Maly, Dorothy Ouelette, Laura Visconti, Judith Smith, Tristan Hughes, Mackenzie Preszcator

- **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 7, 2023 Annual General Meeting**
Motion: “to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023 AGM”
Moved: David Ferreira **2nd:** Kristin Nielsen **Approved**
- 3. **Actions of the Board of Directors**
Motion: “to ratify and affirm all actions of the Board of Directors from November 7, 2023 to November 5, 2024 as presented to the members”
Moved: Maureen Cassidy **2nd:** David Ferreira **Approved**
- 4. **Approval of audited Financials**–Bonnie Wludyka- LDBA Treasurer
Motion: “to approve the LDBA audited financial statement dated December 31, 2023”
Moved: Bonnie Wludyka **2nd:** Kristin Nielsen **Approved**
- 5. **Review of 2024 and Looking forward to 2025** – Barbara Maly, Kathy McLaughlin, Vicki Smith
 - 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
 - Working with the City on the Terms of Reference for the downtown master plan.
 - We continue power washing storefronts and have increased this to 5 days a week.
 - Relaunched the SuperGuide program – providing proactive business support
 - We’ve provided \$656,000 in grants in 2024 – property damage, safety and security, façade improvements, and holiday window
 - Have had 39 businesses open in 2024 so far – this is a rate of one business opening and at the same time one business closes
 - Main concern from our members are: mental health and addictions/homelessness, downtown construction
 - Positive changes: construction slowly coming to an end, residential units approved and being constructed, downtown employees slowly coming back to work
 - Learning series program expanded to include Community Chats with organizations such as London Police Services
 - Launched the Do Business Here program to promote vacant spaces
 - \$175,000 worth of gift cards distributed in 2024, with 185 different businesses accepting them.
 - Three trails have been launched – Scratch Bakery and Patisserie, Patio, and Crisp Days and Cozy Nights trail – 1500 people have checked in.
- 6. **Presentation of the Proposed 2024 Budget** –Bonnie Wludyka and Vicki Smith
 - No questions from the members.
- 7. **Business Awards**–Natalie Boot, Kristin Nielsen

- Business Excellence Award had 9 nominees – Bill Gosling Outsourcing, Beerlab!, Katsume Restaurant, Grace Restaurant, The Churchkey, River Room/Bear and Frankies, Digital Extremes, The Mule, Happiness Cafe
- Business Excellence Award winner – The Churchkey
- Gerald Gallacher Heart of Downtown Award had 2 nominees – Lori Da Silva, Pablo Tovar
- Gerald Gallacher Heart of Downtown Award goes to Lori Da Silva

8. Adjournment

Motion to ‘adjourn the LDBA AGM at 9:55am’

Moved: Asaad Naeeli

Second: Bonnie Wludyka

Carried

Attendance:

Citi Plaza – Bonnie Wludyka
 London Bicycle Café – Andrew McClenaghan
 8 Piece Pizza – Josh Sawyer
 ANN Dining – Keith Brett
 Casa Latina – Stanley Rivas
 Conron Law – Carolyn Conron
 Covent Garden Market – Amy Shackleton
 Dos Tacos – Asaad Naeeli
 City of London – Sandra Datars Bare
 City of London – Mike Macaulay
 City of London – Ryan Craven
 City of London – Anna Hopkins
 City of London – David Ferreira
 City of London – Susan Stevenson
 Glen CORR Management – Kristin Nielsen
 Hangar 9 – Lisa Ferguson
 London Small Business Centre – Steve Pellarin
 Marcello’s Barber Shop – Marcello Perzia
 Marienbad Restaurant – Jerry Pribil
 Old North Optometry – Josephine Pepe
 Renaissance Massage – Natalie Boot
 Saffron Road – Gail-Lynn Gastaldi
 Shoppers Drug Mart – Nick Vander Gulik
 Summit Properties – Bethan Llewellyn
 Summit Properties – Nadine Baxter
 Summit Properties – Annesha Ramkewalan
 Church Key – Vannessa Willis
 Church Key – Peter Willis
 Zen’Za Pizzeria – Wayne De Groot
 London Public Library – Micheal Ciccone
 Pillar Non Profit – Maureen Cassidy
 Pillar Non Profit – Paul Seale
 RBC Place London – Darren Pollard
 RBC Place London – Chris Waugh
 Lori Da Silva
 Roswen Nigeria Restaurant – Margy

Salon Cyan – Katerina
The Mule London
Peter Macyntire
The Morrissey House
Stereo Caliente – Pablo Tovar
Joan Lahay
Ian Leishman
Naomi Nadea
London Arts Council - Eunju Yi
Impark – Shannon McCartney
Marwan El Nashar
Invisor CPA – Geevar Thamvi
Marriott Residence Inn – Nadia McCormack McIntyre
Grand Theatre – Lyndee Hansen
Kirwin Fryday Law – David Kirwin
Alexis Vogelzang
The Other Bird – Monique Gatien
Nicholson Sheffield – Jim Sheffield
Habby Gil
Jills Table – Jill Wilcox
Artistic Spa – Charlene Jones
Be Invictus - Brandon Bernatowycz
Darwin Tchir
MainStreet London – Don McCallum
London Foot Patrol – Mike Pottroff
TAP Creativity – Sandra De Salvo
Katsume – Jungwook Yang
Kyle Van Alstyne
Cushman Wakefield – George Kerhoulas
Warley Franco