



**Board Of Directors, May 28, 2026  
114 Dundas Street  
8:00 A.M.**

**LDBA Board Meeting**

Attending: Nick Vander Gulik, Natalie Boot, Greg Harris, Kristin Nielsen, Andrew McClenaghan, David Ferreira, Bonnie Wludyka, Asaad Naeeli, Michael Pottruff, Mario Circelli,Carolynn Conron  
Regrets: Brian Dempsey, Scott Collyer  
Staff: Vicki Smith, Tristan Hughes, Kathy McLaughlin, Brent Hodson, Judith Smith

**1. LDBA Board Call to Order – Kristin Nielsen**

**2. Motion to approve consent agenda items**

- a. Consent agenda items included: April 20, 2026 board meeting minutes, financial statement and report April 30, 2026, April 24, 2026 advocacy committee minutes, May 11, 2026 governance committee minutes, and staff report.

Moved: Nick                      2nd: Mike                      Carried

**3. Executive Update - Kristin Nielsen**

- a. Kristin provided updates on discussions with Farhi regarding a potential future relocation of the BIA office, as well as interest in developing a coordinated advocacy voice for downtown property owners and developers. She also noted discussions with John Fyfe-Millar regarding the Mayor’s upcoming Big City Mayors’ Caucus work and a June 11 press conference focused on the Downtown Plan.

**4. Staff Presentation - Public Realm and Activations Report - Judith Smith**

- a. Judith provided an overview of public realm and activation work, including Clean Team coordination, member support, graffiti remediation, SuperGuides, seasonal



beautification, summer pop-ups, Shop Downtown London 2 Win, Downtown Patio Tunes, Art in Victoria Park, and Downtown for the Holidays planning.

- b. Board members noted beautification gaps on King Street, Clarence Street, and the walk from VIA Rail to Canada Life. A potential mural opportunity was also identified at 24 York Street.

#### **5. Monthly DTL Highlights - Vicki Smith**

- a. Vicki highlighted recent staff achievements, including Tristan's bookkeeping training and Kathy's LPM designation from IDA. She also noted continued relationship building with community partners and municipal mayoral and ward candidates.

#### **6. London Police Services Update - Mike Pottruff**

- a. Mike provided an update on recent foot patrol activities, including a blitz targeting open-air drug dealing in partnership with the Guns and Drugs Unit. Foot patrols continue to work with nurses and social workers to provide outreach support, including wound care.

#### **7. City Updates - David Ferreira**

- a. David provided an update on the Downtown Plan, including its proposed actions, governance and delivery model, downtown office, planning concierge, communications strategy, residential growth, mobility, public comfort, placemaking, and signature event opportunities.
- b. Board members emphasized safety as a key priority and asked how the Plan will address it through measures such as CIR support, improved lighting, stronger gateways, increased activity, and more positive use of public space.

#### **8. Motion to go in camera - 8:53am**



Moved: Nick                      2nd: Andrew                      Carried

**9. Motion to come out of camera 8:59am**

Moved: Natalie                      2nd: Asaad                      Carried

**10. Motion to adjourn –“adjourn the meeting at 8:59 am”**

Moved: Greg                      2nd: Andrew                      Carried