



**Board Of Directors, September 24, 2026
114 Dundas Street
8:00 A.M.**

LDBA Board Meeting

Attending: Nick Vander Gulik, Natalie Boot, Greg Harris, Andrew McClenaghan, David Ferreira, Bonnie Wludyka, Michael Pottruff, Mario Circelli, Brian Dempsey,Carolynn Conron

Regrets: Kristin Nielsen, Asaad Naeeli, Scott Collyer

Staff: Vicki Smith, Tristan Hughes, Kathy McLaughlin, Brent Hodson, Judith Smith

1. LDBA Board Call to Order – David Ferreira

2. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with the Advocacy

Committee minutes of August 28, 2026 pulled for discussion by the full Board.

- a. Consent agenda items included: Approval of the Board minutes of June 25, 2026, Financial Statement and Report August 31, 2026, Advocacy 08282026, Governance 09142026, Finance 09112026, 09182026, Updated Terms of Reference for Advocacy, Governance, and the staff Staff Report.

Moved: Mario

2nd: Brian

Carried

3. Motion to Approve the Advocacy Committee Minutes of August 28, 2026 and the addition of two community members at large to the Advocacy Committee beginning next year.

- A. The Board discussed expanding community participation on the Advocacy Committee. Beginning next year, the Committee will include two community members at large who are not members of the BIA to broaden perspectives and strengthen advocacy efforts.

Moved: Bonnie

2nd: Nick

Carried

4. Motion to Move in at Camera 8:12am

- a. The Board received an update on the work of the Board Recruitment Task Force.

Progress continues to be made.

Moved: Bonnie

2nd: Greg

Carried

5. Motion to Move out of Camera 8:22am

Moved: Bonnie

2nd: Natalie

Carried

6. Motion to Approve the Draft 2027 Budget as presented.

- a. The Board reviewed the proposed 2027 budget. The proposed levy increase is in line with increases from the City and other Ontario BIAs. The Board discussed the end of additional City funding and the importance of maintaining increased cleaning and beautification services despite the loss of this funding.

- b. The budget also reflects staffing reductions, including the elimination of one staff position and the transition of another position from full time to part time. The Board also discussed the Fanshawe grant and available MainStreet London funds.

Moved: Nick

2nd: Bonnie

Carried

7. Motion to Accept MainStreet London funds to pay the 2026 grant to Fanshawe.

Moved: Nick

2nd: Bonnie

Carried

8. Staff Highlights - Vicki Smith

- a. The Phase 2 Strategic Plan Summary is available for review in preparation for the October 1 Board meeting.
- b. The Canada Life Place partnership has launched, providing a booth where visitors can purchase Downtown Dollar gift cards with cash. Judith Smith was recognized for her work in implementing the partnership and ensuring a smooth launch.



- c. Work continues on Board onboarding videos. The first video is intended for the Board and the public and will also provide information about Downtown London to the incoming City Council.
- d. Downtown London distributed a Municipal Election Candidate Survey focused on issues important to the downtown and the organization's advocacy priorities.

9. London Police Services Update - Mike Pottruff

- a. The eight additional foot patrol officers introduced approximately 18 months ago have been renewed.
- b. LPS continues to work with community partners, including CMHA, to connect individuals with appropriate supports. Health care support accompanying patrols has also been valuable in addressing needs such as wound care and overdoses, although staffing limitations may affect the availability of these supports going forward.

10. City Updates - David Ferreira

- a. The City Council has requested a staff report on a potential Heritage Property Tax Relief Program. The report is expected to return to Council in 2027.

11. Motion to Refer the Board's discussion to the Advocacy Committee for further consideration and recommendations back to the Board.

- a. Increase in safety/homelessness/vandalism concerns (brief attached, titled: Advocacy to the City and LPS).

Moved: Bonnie

2nd:Carolynn

Carried

12. Good News Updates

- a. Construction at the Forks of the Thames is nearing completion.
- b. Work on the Queens Avenue bridge is progressing well.



- c. Downtown issues have received significant attention during the mayoral election campaign.

13. Motion to Move in camera 8:55am

Moved: Bonnie	2nd: Carolynn	Carried
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14. Motion to Move out of camera 9:14am

Moved: Bonnie	2nd: Mike	Carried
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15. Motion to adjourn –“adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am”

Moved: Andrew	2nd: Mario	Carried
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