

Terrace Downtown Improvement Area Society  
Minutes of Meeting  
July 30, 2020

**Call to Order**

Present: Dave Gordon  
Gerry Martin  
Bert Husband  
Jason Braid  
Connie Yasinchuk  
Brian Downie  
Lael McKeown

Regrets: Gary Jackson  
Jana Wickie  
Liz Smaha

**Special Guest: Mike Robinson, RCMP**

Wide ranging discussion of challenges of street people, homelessness, addiction problems from the RCMP point of view.

- They work with TDCS, Ksan Society, Kermode Friendship Center. All agencies rely on police support when dealing with street people incidences
- As a result, crime files are suffering
- Courts not efficient
- Discussion on sobering centres
- Businesses need to up their security to mitigate problems
- Compared Terrace to communities in PEI where people are encouraged by urban design to come downtown
- File count no less than before Sanders House. Need to have support services at Sanders House
- Discussion around a “court watch”. It was felt that more accurate sources of information are available.
- It is possible to have a “No Go” directive but difficult
- Non criminal sanctions are more effective
- Roadside prohibition effective
- Liaison with neighbouring First Nations villages good. Angela Rabut RCMP liaison officer
- Expressed an interest in attending future meetings.

11:45 Brian left

12:30 Jason left

12:30 Mike Robinson left

**Acceptance of Agenda and Past Minutes**

Motion: Gerry Martin/Bert Husband

### **Treasurer's Report**

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report  
Bert Husband/Gerry Martin

Motion to authorize Jana Wickie for signing authority on the Bank Account  
Bert Husband/Gerry Martin  
Connie will correct change of address

### **June 30 AGM Follow Up Items**

None

### **COVID 19 – Support for Downtown Businesses**

Agreed to help fund Love Terrace promotional campaign with \$1,000.  
Dave Gordon will send out note by email

### **NSD Inland Port - Letter of Support**

Dave Gordon asked for support from the meeting to write a letter of support for the NSD Inland Port project. All in favour  
Lael McKeown excused herself from this discussion  
Moved: Gerry Martin/Bert Husband

### **Court Watch**

There was no support for this. The meeting felt it was not a good use of volunteer time also that there were better ways to accumulate statistics.

### **TDIA Committee Reports**

Porta Potties  
Gerry Martin to check up on these

### **Downtown Murals and Banners**

Banners will be ready in about a week.  
Mural completed behind Park Avenue Dental building  
Two more ready to go: Colleen Taylor Building and Ninja  
Dairy Queen will start in September  
Women's Resource Center in doubt

### **Façade Grant**

Low uptake  
Need to have more flexibility in applications

### **COVID Grant**

Low uptake

**Security Grant**

No applications

In September agreed to look at re-allocating budget categories

**4600 Block Rejuvenation**

Jason Braid to follow up

If canopy is removed, we should help with design ideas and colours.

**Brolly Square**

Polly Rudderham has submitted a high level proposal (40 hours @\$125)

Dave Gordon will ask for more detail

Gerry Martin suggested we get Beautification Society approval for a TDIA led project before spending any money

Dave Gordon will contact Beautification Society for another meeting

**Dave Gordon**

Meeting with Deklan at the City re

Attracting professionals to Terrace

Would like to see a data base showing empty buildings and lots in Terrace

Bert Husband reported on the Housing Committee

Northern Health has an incentive program of \$10K per unit for housing in downtown Terrace.

Foundry Group will develop a youth detox center on property north of TDCS with Seniors housing (1 bedroom) above.

Meeting ended 2:00 pm

Next meeting August 25, 2020