

TDIA MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2021

Visitors Centre

Present:

Alex Pietralla, Chair

Connie Yasinchuk

Polly Rudham

Craig Dunfield

Lael McKeown

Dave Gordon, City Liaison

Guests:

David Block, City of Terrace, Zoom

Linda Stevens, Social Development Program Coordinator

Liam Nutma, Downtown Safety/Security Officer

With Regrets

Gary Jackson

Michael Hogg

Call to Order 12:06

Motion to Accept Agenda: Connie/Carried

Acceptance of Past Minutes: Craig/ Carried

Business Arising:

The Fire Department assisted in hanging the Christmas Lights and will also assist in taking them down. Some light standards do not have power. Dave will talk to the city about this. Lights in the tree in front of Gemma's are very difficult to hang, restore, repair, etc. It was decided to take the lights down from the tree in the spring and use them elsewhere. TDIA will make a donation to the Firemen's Food Bank on their behalf.

Treasurer's Report

Connie reported that a check for \$6,000 has been issued to the City for the "Shop Local" campaign

There is \$187,000 in the account

City Council will be applying to NDIT for the upcoming year \$20,000 façade grant

Discussion was held on creating a more detailed budget and expenditure statement in order to track the flow of money throughout the year.

Guests:

Liam Nutma told the meeting of his initiatives to engage the street/homeless people in order to help them and also to assist business owners. Liam has a one year contract with the city.

Linda Stevens talked about the plans she has for the next three years on her contract.

All who attended the event hosted by MLA Ellis Ross, "Let's Talk About Solutions", felt that the speakers provided a wealth of knowledge and ideas that could be adopted in Terrace. Chad Cowles, Manager, Community Social Safety Initiative in Maple Ridge provided details of their successes including data collection.

Guests left the meeting

TDIA Committee Reports

Downtown Revitalization

Alex, Liz and Polly met with David Block to coordinate efforts and plan the development of this project.

The City will be sending a letter to business owners advising them that unless they wish to keep the canopy and pay for its upkeep, the canopy will be removed.

Should property/business owners decide not to assume the canopy, the city will be inviting them to a meeting in January to talk about the development of the project

Projected timelines

2022 planning of facades

Design of streetscape

2023 Canopy removal . This will be a city capital project

2024 Full street reconstruction.

A City consultant is to study the status of the storm and water infrastructure in the downtown core to ensure that there is not another area in greater need of repair.

Polly related that Harry Measure has reminded us not to lose sight of Brolly Square

TDIA contribution to the January meeting

- Full Harry Measure Report
- Two sample drawings from Robert Inwood

Motion: TDIA to hire Sarah Zimmerman to prepare material for presentation to the property/business owners for the meeting. Liz/ Carried

Re Façade Grant. Need to contact Carol Leclerc to see if we can accumulate three years of façade grant in anticipation of this project.

Meeting closed at 1:50 pm

Note: subsequent to the meeting, and because there was not a quorum present, it was suggested two motions should be circulated to the Board for their approval

- Motion: TDIA to contribute \$200.00 to the Fireman's Food Bank in recognition for the help TDIA received from the firemen in hanging Christmas lights. Moved by Lael

Motion:

Sarah Zimmerman to be given a retainer of \$2,000.00 and hired on an hourly basis to establish communication between TDIA and the 4600 Block Property and Business Owners, to develop a TDIA presence on social media and promote positive engagement with the public. Moved by Lael

Respondents by email in favour of the above two motions were: Liz, Connie, Craig and Michael