



March 22, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
260 King St. W., #300

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MEETING MINUTES

Present: Linda Jutzi, Darryl Moore, Cara Watson, Phong Tran, Martha Wallace, Councillor Aislinn Clancy, Councillor Debbie Chapman, Jordan Dolson, Julie Phillips, Laird Robertson, Sarah Pearson, Darren Becks, and Cst. Lee Elliott.

Regrets: Jessica Toomer, Mayor Berry Vrbanovic, and Michael Rederer.

Recorder: Stefanie Golling

The meeting began with Darryl Moore as Chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

Moved by Sarah Pearson, Councillor Debbie Chapman

"That the Board approves March 22, 2023."

Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Laird Robertson, Councillor Aislinn Clancy

"That the Board approves the February 22, 2023, meeting minutes."

Carried Unanimously

WATERLOO REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES

Cst. Lee Elliott shared the following updates on behalf of the Waterloo Regional Police Service:

- When reviewing statistics, there has been a decrease in calls to service in 2023 when compared to 2022.
- Cst. Elliott and Cst. Mitchell have been working with Linda Jutzi and Stefanie Golling to meet the officers working the core.
- There will not be any dedicated officers in the core (at this point in time); however, Cst. Elliott, Cst. Mitchell and their colleagues will be making an effort to be down here more frequently.
- Darren Becks shared that the enhanced police presence will continue and that they are exploring funding opportunities for the DTK Street Team (formerly Downtown Discovery Team). City staff are waiting on The Working Centre's proposal for 2023.
- Roos Island residents are being invited to move to the Erb Street Encampment. No further updates at this time.

Moved by Cara Watson, seconded by Jordan Dolson

"That the Board switches the agenda and moves the short-term parking solutions ahead of the Region of Waterloo."

Carried Unanimously

SHORT-TERM PARKING SOLUTIONS

Linda Jutzi and Darren Becks shared an update following their conversation with the City of Kitchener Transportation (Barry Cronkite).

- Currently, the City of Kitchener does not have the technology to do what has been done in the past; however, staff would like to continue the conversation and look at other options.
- Transportation is not supportive of offering subsidized parking. This option creates a temporary fix that will be painful when taken away. It would be significant money over a short time and likely wouldn't yield the outcome.
- Businesses can do a targeted method, providing a ticket with purchase.
- Free parking after 5:00 p.m. in surface lots has been a success.
- Europro has re-appropriated the Goudies Lane surface lot, and this will no longer be used for public parking.

Director recommendations:

- Look at converting some existing parking spaces into 30-minute free parking. When you go to any downtown, you are required to pay for parking – why would that be any different here? We need to manage what we have better.
- Disappointed with this decision. This is an important topic that is not worth dropping. With more businesses opening, they will need parking.
- Connect with other parking stakeholders to look at how to optimize their lots. Stakeholders include Europro and Manulife.
- Directors to consider interest in striking a subcommittee to discuss parking solutions.
- Look at building parking into future grant application requests.

Action item: Darren Becks and Linda Jutzi to invite Barry Cronkite from Transportation to a future meeting to discuss future parking solutions.

CHARLES STREET TERMINAL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Directors participated in a consultation process with the Region of Waterloo and Overlap Associates regarding the Charles Street Terminal.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Julie Phillips, seconded by Councillor Aislinn Clancy

"That the meeting adjourn."

Carried Unanimously