



## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Held: Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, 3:30pm

Location: The Sunshine Room

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**Present:** Krista Stead-Mackler, John Clement, Susan Park, Claire Rothery, and John McKenty

**Absent:** Kelsey Dold

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#### 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:31pm

#### 2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There being none, the Chair moved onto the next order of business

#### 3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

Approved by Susan Park, Seconded by Claire Rothery

#### 4. Disclosure of Additional Items

- a. "What if?"
- b. Tay Basin
- c. Transports on Gore
- d. Alleyways
- e. Empty Storefronts

#### 5. Unfinished Business

##### a. Wilson Street Parking Lot Mural

- Reviewed the Parry Sound multi-year beautification plan
  - Something similar to be created for Perth
- Potential grant – SEED

##### b. Park Benches

- Premier Pedestal Backless Bench - steel
  - 4ft - \$1,157

- 6ft - \$1,168.92
- Claire Rothery composed a letter to potential sponsors
- Plaque for recognition

### **c. Winter Greenery**

- The winter baskets need to be improved
- Discussions ongoing
- Possibly remove some baskets and use the larger summer ones
  - Focus on filling fewer baskets to look fuller

**BIAB-2024.07.27      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DOWNTOWN HERITAGE PERTH BIA REQUESTS THAT THEY MEET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF PERTH TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT CONTRACT OF THE FLOWERS AND GREENERY IN THE DOWNTOWN**

**Moved by:** Jane Farrell, unanimous \*at Board level

## **6. Discussion of Additional Items**

### **a. "What if?"**

- John McKenty presented a case of "what ifs"
  - I.e., What if every business painted their door a bright color? What if we lit up the Perth Restaurant sign? What if we had more murals and public art? What if we had historical photos on display? Etc.
- A multi-year plan is needed to outline what our goals are and how we plan to accomplish them
- A short-term plan is also needed
- What we want to see immediately:
  - Claire Rothery in discussion with the owner of the Perth Restaurant regarding the restoration of the sign on the building
  - Receive sponsorships for benches

### **b. Tay Basin**

- What if we had another Instagram location in the Tay Basin?
  - Is there a grant for this?
- The docks/boards need to be restored

**BIAB-2024.07.26      BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DOWNTOWN HERITAGE PERTH BIA REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF PERTH CONTACT PARKS CANADA ABOUT THE LANDSCAPING UPKEEP OF THE TAY BASIN WITH A REPORT BACK BY THE APRIL 2024 BIA BOARD MEETING**

**Moved by:** Jane Farrell, unanimous \*at Board level

### **c. Empty Storefronts**

- It's important for the BIA to have open communication with the Town of Perth about empty storefronts

7. **Next Meeting:** end of February, 2024
8. **Adjournment:** by the Chair at 4:29pm