

**Minutes
Of the York- Eglinton BIA
Held at
1862 Eglinton Avenue West
On August 12, 2003**

Present were: Mr. Arnold Rowe - Chairman
Mr. Nick Alampi - Vice Chairman
Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan - Board Member
Mr. John Neretlis – Board Member
Mr. Horace Samuels – Board Member
Mr. Joseph Carnevale -
Mrs. Michele Gordon-Bulgin – Office Coordinator

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

Welcome by Chairman:

The Chairman welcomed all Board Members to the meeting and he gave a special welcome to Mr. Joseph Carnevale, the Executive Assistant to Fred Dominelli. The Chairman stated that he looked forward to working with Mr. Carnevale.

Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies for absence.

Reading of the Minutes of the Last Meeting held June 12, 2003:

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Corrections of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

There were no corrections to the minutes.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Mr. Nick Alampi moved a motion for the confirmation of the minutes.

This was seconded by Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan.

The motion was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- Plant/Beautification Project

Mr. Enzo Torrone gave a verbal report on the Plant/Beautification Project. He stated that Milton Urglies had additional plants so he was sent out to plant again at an additional cost of Three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Mr. Nick Alampi moved a motion for a written report from Mr. Torrone.

This was seconded by Mr. Horace Samuels.

The motion was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Sponsorship of the Eglinton Community Initiative (ECI)

The ECI is a vehicle that brings the area to the forefront, which supports the BIA in this regard. There is an annual TTC/Jamaica Day event and the BIA is included in this event.

Mr. Enzo Torrone moved a motion that the BIA contributes the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) towards expenses of the above events.

BIA Operating Guidelines

There was a lengthy discussion about the BIA's operating guideline, which was delivered to each Board Member prior to the Board Meeting.

One of the major topics discussed was the importance of acquiring a Credit Card for the BIA's expenses. This is to be discussed further.

The Chairman, Mr. Arnold Rowe asked Mr. Joseph Carnevale if there is a problem with the present co-coordinator working with him as well as working with the BIA. He stated that there was no technical conflict, however if someone wished to see a conflict, they could.

Report of the Sidewalk Sale

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- Junior Carnival

The Chairman passed the chair over to Mr. John Neretlis.

Mr. Arnold Rowe stated that he had discussions with Mr. Rob Davis, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, regarding Junior Carnival and that they have applied for all the necessary permits. He reiterated the fact that the BIA have always had a seat on the organizing committee of the Junior Carnival and that the BIA will be notified of meetings to be held and will be required to send a representative to attend the meetings.

Mr. Rowe also stated that a letter is expected from the Committee expressing their gratitude to the BIA for allowing them to use the office space for meetings and also for the financial contribution given.

Mr. Rowe said that it was discussed at the meeting that only the carnival music will be played on the day of the carnival.

Mr. Nick Alampi moved a motion to accept the verbal report given.

This was seconded by Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan.

The motion was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Mr. John Neretlis passed the Chair back to Mr. Arnold Rowe.

Other Business

- Distribution of Minutes of Board Meetings

The Chairman reminded all Board Members present that the minutes of the Board Meeting **must** be kept confidential and that Members are only allowed to pass decisions taken by the Board to Non–Board Members.

- Newsletter

The Board discussed the necessity and possibility of creating a regular newsletter to the York-Eglinton BIA members to inform them of ongoing, present and future events.

Mr. Nick Alampi moved a motion to accept the creation of a newsletter.

This was seconded by Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan.

The motion was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

- Bank Accounts:

The Board Members discussed the BIA's three (3) bank accounts:

- CIBC: The amount of Fifty Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Two Dollars Fifty-Three Cents **(\$50,252.53)** will be added to the amount at the Bank of Montreal as this branch will be relocating and the new location is out of our area.

- Community Account, at the Bank of Montreal: 0369 8122-491 – The amount of Fifty Nine thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy Two Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents **(\$59,672.47)** is available for projects.

- Community Account, at the Bank of Montreal: 0369 8122-731 is the Capital Account (Cost Sharing Account). The amount available in this account is Fifty Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00) – this amount will be used for the input of the Pole Lights on the streets.

The amount of One Hundred and Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (109,925.00) is available for project development and implementation.

- Project Committees

Board Members discussed the urgency of all the committee members, both those who are Board Member and those who are BIA members to organize themselves in an effort to get the projects going in a timely manner.

Mr. John Neretlis moved a motion that Mr. Nick Alampi select committees to develop and implement projects.

This was seconded by Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan.

The motion was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. by Mr. John Neretlis and seconded by Mr. Abdulwassie Berhan.

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Arnold Rowe
Chairman

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Michele Gordon-Bulgin
Office Coordinator

Adoption Moved by:

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Member

Seconded by:

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Member