



**Manotick Business Improvement Area
Board of Management Meeting
Friday February 14, 2025 8:00a.m.
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 314, 5550 Ann Street., Manotick**

Minutes

Laura Glasper, Treasurer, filled in as Chair of the Board, as both the Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend.

Laura acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin/Anishinaabe nation.

Laura explained that we did not have quorum for this meeting. However, as there were no decisions to be made, the meeting would proceed with the previously announced abbreviated agenda.

Laura reminded everyone to sign in.

Motion to Call to Order

Motion to Call to Order at 8:10a.m.

Moved by John Fenech, Seconded by Kyra Gillis.

Carried

Motion to accept the Abbreviated Agenda

Moved by John Fenech, Seconded by Kyra Gillis

Carried

Board Members in Attendance

Laura Glasper

692 Coffee and Bar

John Fenech

Manotick Health Hub

Kyra Gillis

Mansfield's Shoes

Leila Hojabri

Desjardins Financial

Michael Mirsky (virtual)

Landlord

Board Member Regrets

Michelle Vandenbosch

Rebel Petal

Kris Gordon

Kris Gordon Holdings

David Brown

Councillor, City of Ottawa

Sarah Wright

RLP The Wright Team

Adam McCosham

Home Hardware

George Michaliszyn

Nin Collection

Board Members Absent

Dianne Pritchard

Just Imagine Inc.

Shannon Giust

Landlord

Darpan Ahluwalia

Manotick Natural Market

Members at Large

Lisa Daly

Enchanted Chamber

Rosanne McNamee

Hearing Freedom

BIA Staff

Kelly Belair

Executive Director

Evelyn Ashworth

Administrative Assistant

Guests

Leeanne Van de Burgt

MVCA/YOMA

Bonnie Gray

MVCA

Susan Gahrns	Watson's Mill
Ryan Austin	RONA
Janet Lawless	6 Tigers
Dana Moran	Manotick Place Retirement
Kristen O'Grady	Lume Club
Caroline Chapman	Green Spirit
Bruce Penlin	Royal Canadian Legion

Chair's Report

Laura informed everyone that due to the guest speakers at this meeting, she would keep the Chair's Report brief.

Kris had asked Laura to let everyone know that we will be forming an expansion committee later this spring. He asked that Board members consider their availability as we embark on this major project. We'll be asking for volunteers at the next Board Meeting.

Laura also acknowledged the recent passing of Neta Clarke. Neta was an icon who worked tirelessly to support businesses in our village. She will be missed.

Kelly is starting work on the Spring Fling and will be looking for support in planning activities. Please contact Kelly if you are interested.

We do not have a Treasurer's Report this month, due to a delay in reporting from the City Of Ottawa.

The Policy Committee will be meeting later this month as we develop the framework for the Performance Management Process for BIA staff.

Laura then asked if there were any pressing or urgent issues to discuss. Two items of new business were requested and added to the end of the agenda.

Laura then turned the meeting over to Kelly to introduce our guest speakers from the City of Ottawa Police Service.

Guest Speakers

Sergeant Andrew Worth

Inspector Isabelle Lemieux

Sergeant Worth and Inspector Lemieux provided a very informative and indepth review of the focus of Ottawa Police, its streamlined philosophical approach and the new district model to serve the region.

The new “district “ model will better represent and serve all areas of the city. Manotick will now become part of the South District with dedicated officers serving this area.

Inspector Lemieux and Sergeant Worth also described some of the new programs that the Ottawa Police Service has developed to support both residents and businesses in the City. Information on these programs will be available on the BIA Website.

New Business

Susan Gahrns, Watson’s Mill

Susan provided an indepth overview of the current situation at Watson’s Mill, Dickenson House, and the Carriage Shed.

Watson’s Mill is a not for profit organization, governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The building is owned and managed by the organization. Dickenson House and the Carriage Shed are owned by the City of Ottawa with provisions for use by the Watson’s Mill organization. The City has declared these two buildings surplus to the needs of the City. It should be noted that the City has not invested in much needed renovations or major upkeep of the two buildings.

The Watson’s Mill organization wants to buy these buildings at the nominal fee of \$1.00. They have estimated that the annual upkeep, not including any capital improvements, would be in the region of \$50,000 annually. The Watson’s Mill organization will be embarking on a major fundraising campaign and hopes that the Manotick BIA and individual Manotick business and residents will support this campaign.

Bruce Penlin, Royal Canadian Legion

Bruce spoke briefly on two major events coming up for the Legion.

There will be a golf tournament on May 30 to support Legion activities.

There will be a special showing of the movie “Fallen Soldiers” which is about Canadian soldiers serving in Afghanistan. The movie will be shown on March 19th.

Further details on both these events will be posted on both the BIA and Manotick Legion websites.

Motion to adjourn 9:00am

Moved by John Fenech

Seconded by Kyra Gillis

