

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the
Board of Management (the “Board”)
of the Welland Downtown Business Improvement Area (the “Corporation”)
of the City of Welland (the “City”)
Held on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 @ 5:30pm
Virtual Meeting**

Board Members Present: G. Bowes, B. Herchmer, L. Robichaud, H. Treddenick, B. Fokkens, A. Chistoff, J. D’Hulster, D. Alexander

Board Members Regrets: K. Jones, J. Chiocchio, A. Adams, C. Cruise, L. See

Executive Director: A. Higginbotham

Recording Secretary: A. Higginbotham

1. Welcome – Call to Order

A) The Acting Chair (B. Herchmer) welcomes everyone and thanks them for attending. The Acting Chair calls the AGM to order at 5:33p.m.

B) H. Treddenick reads the Land Acknowledgment Statement

C) Introduction of guests / participants

2. Acceptance of Agenda

“BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be accepted as written.”

Proposed by: H. Treddenick

Seconded by: L. Robichaud

Motion Carried

3. Declaration of Conflicts

None

4. Approval of Minutes from AGM of 2019

“BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of AGM of 2019 be accepted as written.”

Proposed by: L. Robichaud

Seconded by G. Boewes

Motion Carried

5. Presentations

A) WDBIA year in review – B. Herchmer

- Explanation of the function and purpose of a BIA
- Emphasis webinars, events, beautification, CJS, DMS, upcoming in 2021.

Queries regarding the relationship between the WDBIA and Chamber of Commerce – group discussion followed.

B) Report – G. Bowes

- Financial Report 2020 – Statement of Operations
- Presentation of 2019 Audit Report
- Presentation of 2021 Budget

Queries surrounding breakdown & categorizing of 2020 budget

8. Public Discussion

- Implementation of new events
- Additions to survey
- Issues surrounding community policing and community watch committee
- Compliments on newsletter info and seasonal planters

9. Adjournment

The Acting Chair thanked everyone for attending and for providing essential constructive criticism and suggestions.

Adjournment at 6:32p.m