

**OTTAWA STREET BIA MEETING**  
**May 13th, 2025**  
**6:00pm – 7:00pm**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

M. Carruth

T. Lute

A. Clark

E. Grad

\*\* Not in attendance

\*\* K. Arcana

S. Weiler

K. Rogelstad

A. Lantos

**Welcome & Introductions – M. Carruth**

**Minutes for Board Meeting – M. Carruth**

*Minutes from April to be approved in June 2025.*

**Treasurer's Report – E. Grad**

**Ottawa Street Bia:** \$119, 925.06

**Contingency:** 17,328.21

**Beautification Updates – S. Weiler**

The City of Hamilton has claimed responsibility for East Kiwanis Place parkette, with the first spring reset already completed before Sew Hungry. While the parkette is currently tidy, it remains empty. We are awaiting a permit from the City to paint the benches and will be following up with Parks regarding their overall plan for the space. Additionally, we're awaiting an update concerning our shared Glutton (sidewalk vacuum).

**BIA Advisory Committee – S. Weiler**

**Journey Mapping Project Overview/ Open for Business Sub-Committee**

A concern was raised within the committee regarding BIA members' experiences with City incentive programs. It appears, based on personal discussions and incentive summaries, that many applications are either incomplete or declined, leading to frustration and missed opportunities.

Our goal at this meeting was to begin the process of collaboratively identifying and outlining a clear, preferred process for these applications, along with actionable steps for success. This should significantly minimize the number of incomplete or denied submissions. To achieve this, BIAs have specifically requested a single point of contact or liaison between the City's Incentive Program and BIA businesses as well as a comprehensive checklist for applicants to follow. BIAs asked where the unused funding was reallocated and an update

will come at a later date.

### **Blue Box Transition**

Between April 1 and December 31, 2025, the City will continue collecting recyclables from commercial properties, municipal buildings, daycares, and places of worship. For missed recycling collection contact GFL Environmental Inc. at [hamiltonrecycling@gflenv.com](mailto:hamiltonrecycling@gflenv.com) or 1-844-415-4351.

Waste Hamilton will be bringing a proposed plan for 2026 to Public Works in July. Our BIAs requested an additional meeting ahead of time to comment and make recommendations.

### **Super Crawl**

BIAs proposed to work together and staff a table at Super Crawl to promote our BIAs. A working group, staffed with BIA executive directors/coordinators, is being formulated to bring this idea to life. Updates to come at a future meeting.

### **BIA Coordinator– S. Weiler**

#### **Donation**

Rob Balla/Balla Media donated \$200 towards Sew Hungry to assist with entertainment costs.

### **Volunteer Program**

S. Weiler started a volunteer program to utilize for future events, based on how successful the volunteer team was during Sew Hungry.

## **Dismissal**

**Next Meeting:** June 10th, 2025 at 6:00pm

**Location:** BIA Office, 3 Britannia Avenue, Hamilton ON, or online.