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Windsor, Ontario June 25, 2012

A meeting of the **Windsor BIA Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Alan Halberstadt, Chair
Bridget Scheuerman, Vice Chair, Olde Riverside Towne Centre BIA
Councillor Percy Hatfield
Amie Blaine, Ottawa Street BIA
Mary Ann Cuderman, Olde Sandwich Towne BIA
Rochelle Emery-Luckett, Downtown Windsor BIA
Kerry Ippolito, Ford City BIA
Gary Plante, Pillette Village BIA (arrives at 9:35 a.m.)

Also eresent:

Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac
Katie Knight, Community Justice Worker, Ontario Court of Justice
George Palmer, St. Leonard's House
Angelo Quaglia, St. Leonard's House
Shelly Wiley, Community Director, Boardwalk REIT
Dean Windsor, DKW Solutions

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Michael Cooke, Manager of Planning Policy
Joe Bachmeier, Inspector, Windsor Police Services
Mike Langlois, Superintendent, Windsor Police Services
Sandy Lindsay, Manager, Parks Operations
John Miceli, Executive Director of Parks & Facilities
Karen Kadour (A) Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:30 o'clock a.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" **attached** hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

None disclosed.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Proliferation of Graffiti in the BIA's

J. Miceli advises the Parks/Recreation Department receives \$100,000 annually for graffiti removal.

S. Lindsay indicates the most efficient reporting mechanism for graffiti vandalism is through 311.

Discussion ensues regarding the existence of a by-law that requires business owners to remove graffiti within a specific amount of time.

Clerk's Note: The Committee Coordinator contacted the Manager of Inspections on July 9, 2012 regarding a by-law that regulates the removal of graffiti by business owners. The following comments are provided:

"I have reviewed the current Property Standards By-law 147-2011, as well as the repealed Property Standards By-law 156-2005. The previous By-law 156-2005 had section 1.34 which spoke about graffiti on buildings, however By-law 147-2011 did not carry over this section in 2011. The enforcement of graffiti was moved in 2011, and is now found in By-law 3-2006 section 9.1(noted below) which is enforced by Ann Kalinowski's Officers in By-law Enforcement. "

By-law 3-2006 Section 9.1 Graffiti

Every owner or occupant of land in the City of Windsor shall ensure that markings, stains, graffiti, painted slogans, or other defacements on the exterior walls and surfaces of fences, buildings or structures be removed or covered. These surfaces shall be refinished, restored or covered in an acceptable manner. (added By-law 155-2011, Sept. 6/11)

The following comments dated July 9, 2012 are provided by Ann Kalinowski, Manager of By-law Enforcement:

*The Graffiti Budget was moved to Parks a few years ago. Dave Nicholls is now in charge of this account **if** you require any further information. We will not enforce the graffiti provision under By-law 3-2006 at this time as the City has a tender with DKW Solutions for graffiti removal with a line budget of around \$42,000. "*

Councillor Gignac indicates there are two BIA's within her Ward and asks if there are partnerships/funding available for BIA's.

Superintendent Langlois states that graffiti has been on the forefront of enforcement. He notes that perpetrators are being charged with "mischief". He reports "undercover police" units will be providing surveillance in certain areas of the city. He

states a strong statement by Windsor Police Services to the Crown is required to view graffiti as a more serious offence.

K. Knight indicates minor offences are referred to her office and the offenders (over 18 years of age) must perform community service hours and generally provide restitution for damages.

A. Blaine explains graffiti is a "crime of opportunity" and he notes a request for police foot patrols has not been obliged. B. Scheuerman also requests additional police presence in her BIA.

In response to a request for police presence in the BIA's, Inspector Bachmeier indicates foot patrol officers would be restricted to the daytime hours as there is limited manpower for the afternoon and evening hours.

Councillor Hatfield suggests following graffiti vandalism, the perpetrator and the business owner meet to discuss the issue.

Councillor Gignac leaves the meeting at 10:15 o'clock a.m.

G. Plante states an area was tagged in the Pillette Village BIA due to insufficient lighting.

Councillor Hatfield suggests statistics relating to the graffiti cleanup costs by individual business owners be provided to WBIAAC.

The Chair advises graffiti prevalence downgrades the city's image and notes the quick removal of graffiti is a great mitigating factor. He indicates surveillance cameras may be helpful in apprehending the perpetrators.

G. Plante requests the police conduct a "graffiti blitz". Superintendent Langlois indicates the graffiti blitz is doable but must be strategic and well planned.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by R. Emery-Luckett, seconded by B. Scheuerman,
That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor BIA Advisory Committee held May 1, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on /Friday, August 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Town of Walkerville Meeting Room, 3rd floor, City Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR

(A) COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

**AGENDA
and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the meeting of the
Windsor BIA Advisory Committee
held Monday, June 25, 2012
at 9:30 o'clock a.m.
Room 407,400 City Hall Square East**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held May 1, 2012- *(previously distributed)*

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

4. BUSINESS IT_E_M

4.1 Proliferation of Graffiti in the BIA's

- Letter from R. Marty Martinelo, President, Olde Riverside Town Centre Business Association dated May 14, 2012 regarding "Graffiti Issues, Olde Riverside BIA"
 - *attached.*
- Windsor Star article dated May 30, 2012 entitled "Graffiti foes to paint the town grey"
 - Businesses to prep walls for murals" - *attached.*

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

6. ADJOURNMENT