

## **Downtown Port Colborne BIA General Meeting**

**Port Colborne City Hall – 3rd floor**

**Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 – 6.30pm**

**Board Members Present:** Dave Elliott, Mike Hopper, Bob Porter, Rosemari Poisson, Kamesh Sundaram, Gary Talosi

**Absent:** Ed Cleveland, Marty Crowder

**BIA Members Present:** John Mayne, Mickey Mayne

**Call to order:** 6.30pm by – Chair Bob Porter

The Chair welcomed all and reviewed the minutes to the previous meeting held on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2011. The Minutes was moved to adopt the minutes by Kamesh Sundaram. Rosemari Poisson seconded it.

### **Status on business arising from the minutes**

**Harbormaster Building/Pilot house:** Chair Bob Porter said he will talk to the city soon regarding this.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rosemari Poisson submitted the financial status and a proposed budget for the year 2012. The proposal was discussed and the board discussed the possibility of recruiting a part time staff to do the marketing related work. BIA member Mickey Maine voiced her opinion about the need to do allocate more of the budget for marketing and to have a professional help us make the best use of our resources. She also said that as a not for profit organization the board is needs to spend the \$41,000 that has been lying unspent and make good use of the same to develop downtown. Members also felt the need for a more strategic planning for role of the new person. The board discussed this in detail and decided on the proposed budget and its allocation. The treasurer will review it and present in the AGM to be held next month. The revised proposal was presented for a motion to pass by Rosemari Poisson and seconded by Dave Elliott. All were in favor.

**City Councilor's report:** Dave Elliott said the BIA expansion is being worked by the city hall and letters have been sent to businesses that will be joining the expanded BIA and reply has been received.

The motion was moved to adjourn the meeting by Bob Porter and seconded by Dave Elliott. All were in favor.

Next meeting will be an Annual General Meeting scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012 Wednesday at 6.30pm at the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall.

Minutes by

Kamesh Sundaram

Secretary – Downtown BIA , Port Colborne