

MDBIA Board Meeting – September 2025 Minutes



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Date: September 10, 2025

Location: Howser boardroom at Venture North

Time: 5:00 pm

Board members: Brad Collyer, Tiffany Arcari, Sacha Lai-Svirk, Joe Rees, Neil Hannam, Michael Cherney, Madeleine Hurrell, Paul Hurley, Nigel Lister, Alexandra Pyle, Shelby Leonard-Watt, Matt Couture, Shannon Mak, Deanna Guttman

Regrets: Paul Hurley

Staff: Nour Mazloum and Connor English

Recorders: Nour Mazloum and Connor English

Meeting called to order at: 5:07

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Action</i>
	Welcome Land acknowledgement	<i>S. Lai-Svirk</i>	
	Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None		
1.0	Approval of the Agenda	<i>S. Lai-Svirk</i>	<i>Moved by: M. Hurrell</i> <i>Seconded by: D. Guttman</i>
2.0	Approval of the minutes: May 14, 2025 and May 20, 2025	<i>S. Lai-Svirk</i>	<i>Moved by: B. Collyer</i> <i>Seconded by: M. Cherney</i>
3.0	Executive Director's report -side walk sales have been a success. -DBIA will reduce 2026 sidewalk sale to one block -Sidewalk sale produced highest sales day of the summer for many business -Movies in the park were a success for participants and for vendors. -Nour and MP Harrison toured and talked with downtown businesses about support and ways to improve the downtown. -Yoga and Line Dancing for Farmers Market was a success -Benefits have changed from Manulife to Benefits by Design -Nour and Connor have joined the Telus Cup working committee.	<i>N. Mazloum</i>	

	-MPP smith held 3 round tables to discuss supporting small business and reducing red tape. And Supporting the blue bin program. -East city has been engaged with downtown events and participating overall.		
4.0	Engagement Committee Report Motion: To approve the recommendation of the Engagement Committee for the Event Support Fund as presented -Nour will follow up with Peterborough Farmers market to discuss further partnership. -Discuss further in future board meeting about funding increase keeping in mind not to create reliance on this grant for making an event successful	<i>J. Rees/ T.Arcari</i>	<i>Moved by: M. Cherney</i> <i>Seconded by: N. Hannam</i>
5.0	Budget Report - Q2 2025 -Financially in good standing -Merch sales have been positive -Summer Jobs were approved. Money has been sent -The DBIA is 16% underspending. -DBIA has received correct money from the City to date.	N. Mazloun/ B. Collyer	
6.0	OBIAA Board Motion: To accept Nour's nomination to run for the OBIAA Board for a two year term.	<i>S. Lai-Svirk</i>	<i>Moved by: B. Collyer</i> <i>Seconded by: M. Couture</i>
7.0	New Business: -Nour checked Based on Ontario Municipal Act the board is required to accept the budget and the City Council approves the budget. In Camera: -Sacha will chair the Committee Deanna, Maddie, Sacha, Tiffany, Neil will sit on Governance committee		Motion to move in camera Moved by: M. Cherney Second: A. Pyle Motion to move out of Camera Moved by: N. Hannam Second: J. Rees Motion to form a governance committee Moved by T. Arcari Seconded by D. Guttman
	Adjournment: 5:59pm Next meeting: October 8, 2025 at 5 pm		<i>Moved by: M. Hurrell</i>