

Meeting Minutes



City of Guelph

Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC)

September 20th, 2018

City Hall, Meeting Room B

From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Doug Minett

Rob Routledge, Dorthe Fair, Jane W, John Leacock, Steve Kraft, Dan Atkins, Will MacTaggart, Marty Williams, Doug Minett, Rino DalBello, Alicia Karn, Martin Jewitt, Helen Loftin

Agenda Items

Item 1, Baker Street update – Martin Jewitt

Library looking for candidates for consultants; some submissions, hopefully hire soon

October DAC Meeting; Rino trying for Windmill attendance, presentation and discussion

What is the Archaeological percentage of the site encumbered and how long will that process take?; can't do a lot until Wilson comes online, investigations need to happen without jeopardizing parking, Baker street proper is more of an unknown site, need to come up with stage plan and determine how it affects schedule and the value of land, take some sites offline and determine archaeological results, seeing a lull because there's a lot of detail and slow careful roll out - know the extent of area of risk archaeologically, not going to be an encumbrance to the schedule, it is a question of tackling it so as to advance other portions

Dates for business plan not changed (Q2,2019); doing best to honor commitments

Item 2, Parking;

- Wilson and West parkade

Wilson Street; Rino had a meeting last week with the steering committee, they will be providing a schedule on the layout, earth movement and retaining walls are the reason for delay

West parkade; lot shut downs, peripheral parking, permit holders moved to Elizabeth at discounted rate, shuttle service still offered and free Saturday parking until west parkade opening – waiting next 10 days for schedule of parkade

Council voted to temporarily open up periphery parking; still in place to come forward –DGBA discussed with councilor Gibson, who felt motion passed for staff to let it ride without asking council to do anything

DGBA and DAC making a case to Scott Stewart by next week to leave in place

- Enforcement, infractions (if information is available)

Nothing received; Doug doesn't have ticket info/complete stats until the end of the year because of outside hired contract

Follow up on infractions by Rino

Item 3, Helen Loftin; introduction 4pm

- Welcomed Helen as new GM

Question about the future of DAC; interesting time at the City given the elections, anxious and willing to engage in further conversations as it pertains, learning about the discussion in the way the groups are formed/mandates etc, understands there is an interest in rethinking how to best make sure the knowledge/experience is retained and put forward

Rino; Clerks dept and council makes decisions about mandate, email sent by Clerks for 1 year renewal, only so many replies, left 8 vacancies; tribune ad published looking for 8 more individuals for the committee, maximum 8 years – **Will MacTaggart objects to notice period provided by Clerks (Tuesday after the long weekend) tempted to make a formal complaint, assumed the email was sent in error (Clerks would've gotten a bounceback email notifying his out of office)

Next Meeting:

October 18th, 2018

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.