

Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee,

As you are aware, Downtown London, consisting of the London Downtown Business Association (LDBA) and MainStreet have completed a governance review, and the following changes were voted on and accepted by the board. We would like you to consider the following amendments to CP-2 and would request the changes made in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Item 1:

Current Wording:

- 4.1 The Board of Management shall consist of nine (9) directors as follows:
- (a) at least one director appointed by Council; and
- (b) the remaining directors selected by a vote of the Members and then appointed by Council.

Suggested Wording:

- 4.1 The Board of Management shall consist of not less than nine (9) and not more than thirteen (13) directors as follows:
- (a) at least one director appointed by Council; and
- (b) the remaining directors selected by a vote of the Members and then appointed by Council.

Rationale:

In creating a by-law for all BIA's in the City of London, it is important that we give them the flexibility to adjust board size as needed. Larger BIA's, such as the LDBA require a higher number to ensure the districts and neighbourhoods within the boundary are fully represented.

Item 2:

Current Wording:

8.0 Meetings of Members

8.6 A majority of the Members constitutes a quorum at any meeting of the Members.

Suggested Wording:

8.0 Meetings of Members

8.6 The Members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Members.



Rationale:

The current by-law is open to interpretation. It could be assumed that a meeting of the membership requires half of the total membership in order to carry out the business of the organization, which is difficult and unattainable. It is important that meetings allow the LDBA to carry out the business of the association with the members who are present at that time.

Thank you for the opportunity of addressing these concerns. On behalf of the board of the LDBA, we appreciate your time and consideration.

Regards

Gerald Gallacher

Chair of the Board LDBA