BOARD MEETING

COOKSVILLE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

MINUTES (Approved)

Date: Thursday September 17, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (EST)

Location: Cooksville BIA Office

Attendees: Tony Nguyen, Adil Abrahim, Andre Laing, Dave Cook, Neena Anand, Roya Vakili, Anna Mikus, Shawn Abrahim, Alex D'Orazio (virtual), Omema Saleri

Regrets: Amardeep Singh, Andrew Rizk, Bernie Torchia, Dipika Damerla,

1. Call to Order (Welcome/Quorum)
    a. Chair called the meeting to order at 6:09pm
2. Land Acknowledgement
    a. Roya read the land acknowledgement.
3. Changes/additions to the meeting agenda
    a. Chair proposed an in-camera session at the end to confirm personnel salaries.
        - **Motion: Adil put forward a motion to approve the amended agenda. Neena seconded. Motion carried.**
4. Declaration of Interest
    a. None declared.

5. Consent Agenda
    a. Board Meeting Minutes: Aug. 25, 2026

        - **Motion: Roya put forward a motion to approve August meeting minutes. Neena seconded. Shawn abstained. Motion carried.**

    b. ED Operational Report
        i. The Board discussed several items from the Executive Director's Operational Report.
        ii. BIA advocating Ward 7 MPP's office re: hosting a Metrolinx Townhall with the BIA. ED is still pursuing a response from the MPP's office. This is ongoing.

iii. ED provided an update regarding the proposed heritage plaque program. BIA awaiting Heritage Mississauga to finalize plaque program.
iv. Further discussions regarding the heritage plaque initiative will be discussed in the October Board meeting.
v. The Board discussed safety and security in the BIA and police presence in Cooksville. ED was asked if there was bicycle police presence, ED confirmed there was.

- **Motion: Adil put forward a motion to approve the ED report. Roya seconded Motion carried.**

- **Action item: ED to add the heritage plaque initiative to the October Board meeting agenda.**

6. Reports:
   a. Chair's Report
      i. Chair noted that BIAs in Ontario have been in existence for 56 years, helping local business communities thrive.
      ii. Chair advised that this is the second-last regular Board meeting before the Annual General Meeting on November 19, 2026 and encouraged board participation.
      iii. Chair acknowledged and appreciated the ED, staff and board members for all their efforts in planning TOC 2026, which is occurring in two days. Looking forward to a very successful weekend showcasing Cooksville.
      iv. In the Councilor's absence, the Chair provided updates on several City matters:
         1. The Board discussed the City of Mississauga's Reno-victions and file N13 from the Province. BIA should circulate to property managers.
         2. Tariff Support- ED asked to liaison with the economic development team at City.

Note: Dave arrived at 6:30 p.m.

         3. The Chair advised that the Councilor's office is finalizing information regarding waste collection for the Cooksville BIA. Once confirmation is received, ED will communicate and promote this achievement for the Cooksville BIA members.

- **Action Item: ED to follow up with the Councilor's office regarding outstanding municipal updates and waste collection information.**

b. Treasurer's Report
    i. Treasurer provided update on month to date and year to date expenses. The Board reviewed the financial statements and discussed several variances. ED explained all variances.
    ii. Treasurer confirmed all expenses and verified all financials are in good standing.

c. Councilor's Report
    i. N/A

7. New Business

a. TOC 2026 – Pre festival overview/finalize expenses
    i. The ED provided a pre-festival update for Taste of Cooksville 2026.
    ii. Additional sponsorship was secured and the event has continued to gain media and promotional traction through outlets and partners including Insauga, Visit Mississauga, and an upcoming CP24 interview. In addition the Mayor's office has provided promotional support for the event.
    iii. The Board reviewed festival expenses. The Board proposed amending the approved budget for TOC 2026.

- **Motion: Adil put forward a motion to approve the amended Taste of Cooksville 2026 budget reflects updated total revenues and expenses. Shawn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Budget 2027 - Draft Board review
    i. The Board conducted a review of the 2027 draft budget as presented by ED and treasurer. Discussion focused on BIA levy and the need to balance increased programming and services to BIA members.
    ii. The Chair encouraged Board members to review the proposed draft budget carefully before it is finalized and noted that the Executive Committee should be prepared to clearly communicate and support the Board's decision at the AGM.
    iii. The Board also discussed how new developments and new properties that are under construction; how they will impact the BIA levy.
    iv. The Chair requested that heritage plaques be incorporated into the beautification budget and raised the possibility of improved signage for the BIA office/building.

v. The Chair noted that the 2027 budget must be approved at the next board meeting. Chair asked for all board members review the proposed 2027 budget as presented, and prepare to finalize at the October board meeting.

- **Action Item: ED to confirm with the City how BIA levies are applied to properties currently under development.**

- **Action Item: ED to prepare and circulate a revised version of the 2027 draft budget by Tuesday Sep 22nd, incorporating the Board's feedback**
- **Action Item: ED to explore options for BIA office signage and mobile signage through the City.**

c. Municipal Elections – BIA Candidate Forum
   i. The Board discussed hosting a Ward 7 Municipal Candidate Forum. ED confirmed with City Clerk's office that the BIA can host such an event.
   ii. Staff are actively exploring venue options.
   iii. The Board expressed general support for proceeding with the event, subject to dates, and hosting before the advanced polling.

- **Action Item: Staff to work with Board members to confirm the venue, date, format, and logistics for the Candidate Forum.**

d. Beautification – Holiday Décor 2026
   i. The Beautification Subcommittee presented ideas for expanding the BIA's 2026 holiday décor program.
   ii. The ED presented options for additional programming, such as a Light Up the Square event, carolers and hot chocolate giveaway during the holiday season.

- **Motion: Roya put forward a motion to approve adding beautification expenses of up to $12,000 for Holiday Decor 2026, these additional funds will be pulled from the TOC 2026 budget. Shawn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Board Election update
   i. ED advised the Board that the nomination period is now open. The nomination period closes on October 15th at 5pm.
   ii. All current Board members were encouraged to submit applications if they intend to seek re-election.
   iii. The HR/Governance Committee will reconvene on October 16, 2026, following the close of nominations, once the total number of candidates is known.

f. Turning Restriction – Dundas & Hurontario
   1. Deferred to the next Board meeting.

g. In-Camera Session
- **Motion: Dave put forward a motion to move into an in-camera session. Adil seconded. Motion carried at 8:03pm.**

- **Motion: Neena put forward a motion to come out of an in-camera session. Roya seconded. Motion was carried out at 8:06pm.**

- **Motion: Adil put forward a motion to approve the personnel salary increases. Roya seconded. Motion carried.**

8. Adjournment

- **Motion: Shawn put forward a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adil seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.**

Next scheduled Board meeting – Oct 22, 2026, 6:00pm