

Firstly, I am forced to announce that the AGM will be rescheduled for Jan 15th at 8 am same location. This is being done to allow time for everyone involved to comply with the requirements to register to vote in the upcoming board election.

All land owners and business tenants that reside within the specified DIA borders have the right to vote in the upcoming election. Rules vary slightly for both categories so I will explain them separately.

Commercial Property Owner:

As the town has an official list of the property owners, this process is slightly more simplistic. If you as an individual in name own property in the required area you will be on the list and will receive a ballot at the AGM with no further effort required. If you are the owner or representative of a corporation that owns property within the area you need to complete 1 more step.

We will need a nomination in writing that states you are the chosen representative of that corporation. That form must be submitted at the AGM to receive a ballot. Each corporation may nominate whom they wish to vote on their behalf.

Example. My business owns of 10 Main St West. My business is incorporated and a legal entity cannot vote on it's own. I will submit a nomination statement that says, "9015877 Ont. Inc" has nominated Mark Wood to vote on its behalf. The legal information of the corporation will be stated clearly on the statement as well as my name and position, dated, and signed. Assuming that my corporation is on the list of property owners then I will receive a ballot to vote.

Business Tenants:

As the town has no official list of business tenants there is one more step involved. The same issues will apply for a corporation and I will circle back to that. If I am a commercial tenant of a business in the DIA area I will need proof of that fact. All business owners will need to go to town hall and get a town clerk to fill out a statement of declaration. You will bring what you believe to be proof of your tenancy to town hall and a clerk will sign of on a sworn statement that says you are a tenant conducting business in the DIA area. This declaration from the town will be necessary to receive your ballot to vote at the AGM.

The same rule will apply for corporations. If as a tenant you are incorporated you will need to submit a nomination statement saying that the corporation has chosen you to vote on it's behalf. IN this instance both the declaration from the town as a tenant and the nomination from your corporation will be required to receive a ballot at the AGM.

In the interest of fairness of time to all involved, and the town clerks, we will do two things. We will continue to accept nominations for the board until Dec 15th, in case anyone felt the didn't receive the information in time and we will allow everyone until Dec 20 to get a declaration from town hall for these purposes.

As well we should verify to all that proxy votes are not acceptable in any municipal voting including this one.

The board will meet Tues Dec at 8:30 am to clear up a very few remaining concerns and be there to clarify in person any questions or concerns in regards to this process. The exact manor by which the voting will take place will be explained at the AGM prior to the voting taking place. All nominees will be invited to be present during the process and the counting, assuming they do not interrupt the process in any way.

I ask that all involved read this over carefully and get back to me with any questions regarding the process to register to vote. I am here to help in any way I can and want to make sure everyone has suitable time to process and carry out these requirements. They have been noted as clearly as possible from the regulations and by-laws surrounding this procedure although historically due to lack of interest have not been necessary.

If you would like to attend the AGM on Jan. 15th, please RSVP to info@grimsbydia.com.

If you intend on voting for the new board of directors on Jan. 15th, please email info@grimsbdia.com so that we can make sure that you have the proper documents in order that will enable you to vote.

Sincerely, Mark B Wood
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