

	2008 Budget Unaudited (note 5)	2008	2007
REVENUE:			
Downtown area taxes levied	\$ 899,740	\$ 899,740	\$ 855,665
Downtown area capital taxes levied	-	150,585	146,824
	899,740	1,050,325	1,002,489
EXPENDITURES:			
Downtown beautification and improvements:			
Flowers	37,550	39,452	30,430
Street decorations	48,800	25,016	38,625
Downtown maintenance	34,000	35,284	47,732
Amortization	-	16,564	11,927
Less expenditures recovered (note 4)	-	(29,800)	(25,000)
	120,350	86,516	103,714
Office operation:			
Salaries and benefits	149,840	153,310	147,922
Employer Health Tax	-	7,140	5,981
Office supplies	11,750	16,905	13,562
Meetings and other supplies	8,500	4,918	8,265
Occupancy costs	41,800	45,806	38,221
Professional fees	11,000	11,214	13,444
Office equipment	19,000	16,749	11,594
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,776	1,610
	246,890	261,818	240,599
Economic development:			
Business recruitment, retention and economic development	95,000	107,669	104,265
Less expenditures recovered (note 4)	-	-	(8,540)
	95,000	107,669	95,725
Public relations and advertising:			
Advertising	105,000	95,576	103,191
Community events programs	297,500	678,755	575,270
Less expenditures recovered (note 4)	-	(362,347)	(343,641)
	402,500	411,984	334,820
	864,740	867,987	774,858
NET REVENUES	35,000	182,338	227,631
Other income/expenses:			
Uncollectible taxes levied	(35,000)	(29,545)	(37,810)
Transfer to City for Capital Tax Levy	-	(150,585)	(146,824)
Transfer from (to) reserves	-	1,417	(38,000)
	(35,000)	(178,713)	(222,634)
Change in current fund surplus	-	3,625	4,997
Opening current fund deficit	-	(27,394)	(32,391)
Closing current fund deficit	\$ -	\$ (23,769)	\$ (27,394)

The full 2008 audit is available at www.downtownkingston.ca (members only section) and at the office.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday November 18, 2009
at the Radisson Hotel - Harbour Shadows Room
1 Johnson Street
6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet - 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres

It's that time of year again! Don't miss your opportunity to network with your fellow downtowners and enjoy some Holiday Cheer! Please plan to attend - book the date and keep watching for your invitation in early November.

PRINCESS STREET CONSTRUCTION

The reconstruction of lower Princess St (Holiday Inn up to and including the King St. intersection) and King St (Brock to Princess) that will begin this spring, will be done by Len Corcoran Excavating Ltd. A Working Group made up of members of the Downtown Kingston! Development Committee, businesses in the construction zone, city staff, the contractor and BIA staff have met to discuss details of the project. A meeting will be held Thursday October 29th at 8:30am at Confederation Place Hotel. All businesses in the vicinity of the construction zone will be invited to attend. With the contractor now onboard, this will be your opportunity to hear what is being planned, to ask questions, and to provide feedback on the project. An additional meeting will be planned for January when details on traffic management, construction plan/phasing, communications, furniture and fixtures, and other logistics are finalized.

The Working Group will meet in November to begin development of a two pronged communications plan - one

that keeps businesses informed about what is happening and when, and one that continues to promote the downtown area and affected businesses during the construction period. Representatives of our office and the contractor will be visiting each business in the construction zone this fall to discuss specifics related to deliveries, garbage/recycling and service upgrades. If you have any questions please call Rob at the office (542-8677 or rob@downtownkingston.ca)

MARKET SQUARE RED GRANT

An update on our successful grant from the Ontario government! The City of Kingston and Downtown Kingston! BIA partnership have completed renovations to the washrooms in the lower level of the rear wing at City Hall this summer - we've now got fully accessible washrooms, lockers, a skate changing area and green rooms inside the building. The next phase includes more furniture for the Square, including bistro sets similar to what's in Bryant Park in New York. Planters, garbage cans, bike racks and benches will follow and be ready for spring 2010!

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Here's what's happening in Downtown Kingston! over the next few months:

NIGHTTIME SANTA PARADE

Don't let Christmas float by! It's the official kick off of the Christmas Season! Join us and thousands of spectators on Saturday November 21st for the 6th annual Nighttime Santa Parade.

Get involved:

-Enter a float or a group to walk down Princess Street and spread the Christmas cheer.

-Keep your door open later for spectators to warm up and shop while they wait for Old Saint Nick to make his grand entrance.

-Offer hot chocolate or any tasty beverage to the audience - leave them with warm feelings about your business!

NEW this year: watch for Santa's new and improved ride. Many thanks to CFB Kingston for donating their time and resources to update Santa's sleigh. You are sure to be amazed! Register at www.downtownkingston.ca.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Set to take place immediately following the parade in Springer Market Square. Watch in amazement as Santa lights the tree and rings in the Holiday Season. Bring your family, friends and children to catch the spirit of Christmas.

SANTA IN THE SQUARE

Every Saturday from November 28 to December 19, 11am-2pm

Santa's coming back to Springer Market Square to visit all the girls and boys of Kingston! Before or after your skate stop by and take a FREE picture with

Santa! He's happy to see everyone - the young and the young at heart...even your pet! Don't forget your camera!

WINDOW WONDERLAND

Dress up your windows in true holiday style and add a little twinkle to downtown. Make the most of your creative staff and challenge them to creating a window to reflect one of these categories:

- Most Original
- Best Holiday Theme
- Best Merchandised
- Best Light Display
- Best Overall
- Best Restaurant Window

Judging this year is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, December 2nd. Register soon by emailing alex@downtownkingston.ca or call the office 613.542.8677

K-ROCK & GRAND THEATRE SHOWS

Lots is going on this holiday season! Please see the insert for a complete listing of Holiday Programming.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR BAGS?

Want to see your business logo on the back? Do you have a great idea that you want to share with us? Want to sell them in your store? Let us know! info@downtownkingston.ca



LOCAL FOOD LOCAL CHEFS PROGRAM

Downtown Kingston! and the Kingston Public Market Vendors Association (KPMVA) have partnered in a successful application to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) for a Local Foods Local Chefs initiative. We received a matching funds grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Ontario Market Investment Fund - the highest grant available. Our partners in this new initiative include the City of Kingston, Kingston Accommodation Partners, KEDCO, and the Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance. The objectives of this project are to increase sales of local food at the Kingston Public Market, increase the number of restaurants and shops featuring local food, build regional market opportunities for the local food industry, build Kingston as an authentic culinary tourism destination and increase consumer awareness of local foods in the city. Some great news on a very exciting project!

DK! CONNECTIONS

We held 5 successful Connections meetings last winter to early summer and got some valuable feedback from the membership on a variety of topics. The issues raised were reported to the Board and referred to the appropriate committees. For the next few meetings we've decided to hold focus group sessions on topics that came up last spring. We held one in September to talk about member to member promotions and retail integration. Our October session will focus on store hours and the night time economy. If you are interested in participating in that focus group please call Arden at the office.



SEWER REMEDIATION WORK

As mentioned previously, further work in the remediation of the Harbourfront Trunk Sewer is taking place this fall. Work will be similar in nature as to what happened around City Park last year - black pipe will be running along the road surface next to the curb along Ontario from Lower Union to Queen, up Queen to Wellington and then down Wellington to Place D'Armes. The pipe will be 12 or 18 inches in diameter - at intersections, the pipe will either be buried under the street or ramps will be constructed to enable cars to move over them - there will be 5 areas that will have pumping stations set up as well. Most of the work should be completed by the end of December.

CHAMBER TOURISM NOMINATION

Downtown Kingston! has been nominated for the 2009 Tourism Award as part of the Kingston Chamber of Commerce' Business Achievement Awards! The awards will be handed out during the Chamber's President's Gala on Friday November 6. If you would like to attend this great event please visit their website for details www.kingstonchamber.on.ca

PARKING ADVISORY TASK FORCE

The new PATF held its first meeting on September 17 - the task force is made up of community representatives and city staff and will report its findings on the overall parking system to the Environment Infrastructure and Transportation Policies Committee - a standing committee of Council. Your BIA representatives are Ken Wollin and Nick Waterfield. Rob Tamblyn is also attending as staff.

The purpose of the new task force is to review existing and assist in the development of new parking system strategies (and establish priorities and timelines for implementation), and to provide advice on policy matters affecting parking supply and pricing. We'll be keeping you informed about what's happening in the months ahead.

Also on parking, the new Event Parking rates came into effect on September 1. The rates have been reduced from \$8/5/3 to \$5/4/3, and monthly passes will be honoured in the lots - this means you and your employees that have monthly passes no longer have to worry about where to park on event nights. These changes are in place until next June at which time the plan will be evaluated by city staff.



PUT THIS DATE ON ICE: FEBRUARY 2 - 7, 2010

Feb Fest is back and bigger than ever! One of Ontario's premier winter events, Feb Fest features a flurry of fantastic fun: figure skating demonstrations, Limestone Classic hockey tournament, Historic Hockey series, lots of free public skating and more!

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR:

Feb 2-3: OHL All-star Skills Competition & Game www.kingstonfrontenacs.com

Elvis Stojko set to headline this year's Imagination on Ice. Date TBD

Watch for a concert announcement at the K-Rock Centre www.k-rockcentre.com and much more!

Be a part of this year's Feb Fest! Watch for exciting sponsorship opportunities and retail integration programming. www.febfestkingston.com

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