

Greetings From The Chair

To my fellow BIZ members.

I have served on the North End BIZ Board off and on for more than twenty years. I have served as the President twice and as the Chair twice. I have always thought that the North End BIZ was an important part of our area of the city. It was helping to make the area, our area, better where the city was lacking. It served as a liaison between the businesses and government as a conduit. However, this last year I have found it very frustrating.

I know the area has many challenges and that things a lot of the time are not great. We are all down here to run our businesses and to make a living. We complain about the city and the province and the police not giving a crap about what is happening down here. We feel that our voice is not being heard. We complain to our neighbours that nothing is being done to make the area any better. That change starts with each one of us. If we as business owners don't make an effort to get involved with the happenings down here, how can we expect our representatives to get involved. The North End BIZ has been asking members to get involved in board activity for many years with only a couple of people stepping forward. If we want to make a change, we need to be more involved. We need to be part of the board or help to support it. The few people involved can only do so much. I know everyone is busy, but a couple of hours a month is not too much to ask.

I am scheduled to meet with the new police inspector for the area in the next couple of weeks. I have spoken to him on the phone to get him a brief synopsis of the concerns we have for the area. He was very receptive to the conversation, and I believe we will have a good working relationship.

I look forward to seeing everyone that comes out to the AGM. I want to wish everyone, and their families continued success and health now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Keith Horn

Chair, North End BIZ