

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 | 7:30 - 9:30 am

GREATER VICTORIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Attending: Al Hasham, John Wilson, Christina Clarke, Danielle Fullwood, Moira Hauk, Ian Batey, Rahim Khudabux, Carmen Charette, Catherine Holt, Lise Gyorkos, Paul van Koll, Pedro Marquez, Kris Wirk, Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

Regrets: Dan Dagg

1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda

 Moved by Al Hasham Seconded by Lise Gyorkos

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting

Moved by Paul van Koll Seconded by Rahim Khudabux Carried

2. Chair's Remarks

Since our last board meeting there have been 16 events. Lots of great questions from our members to an array of federal and provincial ministers. At a recent meeting with our members the biggest issue identified was labour force shortages. Discussion around setting up a meeting with larger members and councils with Victoria and Saanich in order to communicate challenges. The Chamber is looked to as the voice and the ear of businesses

Congrats to the Chamber staff and thanks to board for attending. Board members are offered the use of Chamber board and seminar rooms at no charge as a benefit of being on the board. Booking must be done in advance and is dependent on availability.

3. Finance & Audit Committee

The financials were presented to the Board. Strong results from the first two months due to lots of events. Investment is doing well. Annual Audit went well, no significant adjustments and no material concerns. New analysis of revenue per member demonstrates increasing per member total spend due to higher spend. Discussion on the good work on diversification of revenue beyond the dues revenue.

Focus on larger stable members

Efforts in 2018 resulted in a positive income for operations. Outstanding work in events and overall financial management was credited.

Motion to accept the audited financials as presented.

Moved by Kris Wirk Seconded by Al Hasham Carried

Motion to accept the financial statement as presented.

Moved by Carmen Charette Seconded by Lise Gyorkos

Carried

4. CEO remarks

Reminder about today's meeting with the Chair of the Federal Treasury Board. KPIs are on target or above as of end of the quarter. Strong advocacy wins on priorities such as affordable housing, childcare, transportation all key issues for workers, and for business. Esquimalt has reduced their ratio for residential:business tax. Continuing to work with local municipalities and first nations while expanding our relationship with additional local governments outside the core in order to ensure that the voice of business is heard in order to build a stronger community through good business. Business Awards May 16th, outstanding list of finalists.

5. Executive & Governance Committee

Invite to the board to attend as guests the April 30th Executive and Governance Committee Meeting to hear a presentation from BC Chamber CEO. Discussion around the relationship and support provided by the BC Chamber.

6. Committee Reports

Policy Group presentations from UVic and City of Victoria on Mobility Planning.

Prodigy Group has several new members for the committee and a solid plan for the year.

Ambassador Committee also has several new members. The committee has good energy and is looking for speakers to help them better understand what The Chamber offers. CEO to be first guest speaker.

Motion to accept the Policy, Prodigy & Ambassador Reports

Moved by Jason Boyd

Seconded by Christina Clarke

Carried

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Guest speaker GVHA.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Moira Hauk

Seconded by Ian Batey Carried

Secretary

Date: May 28,2019.