

# Minutes – Chamber Board Meeting –

September 26, 2023 | 7:30 – 9:30am | The Chamber Boardroom

# THE CHAMBER.

GREATER VICTORIA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Attended:** Kris Wirk Moira Hauk, Christina Clarke, Richard Michaels, James Gatsi, Judith Ethier, Jessica Stigant, Pedro Marquez, John Wilson, Josue Dubon, Bruce Williams, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

**Regrets:** Rose Arseneault, Captain (Navy) Kevin Whiteside, Ann Squires-Ferguson, Fallon Lindsay

*The Greater Victoria Chamber acknowledges that our members live and do business in the Traditional Territory of the Lək̓wungen speaking peoples. It also recognizes the First Nations governments across this region.*

## 1. Motion to approve the agenda.

Addition of

MOVED by Judith Ethier      SECONDED by James Gatsipedr      CARRIED

## 2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting.

MOVED by Moira Hauk      SECONDED by Judith Ethier      CARRIED

## 3. Chair's Remarks

- a. Warm welcome to Dean Clarke as a new member of the board.
- b. UPDATE The Chamber will be hosting a meeting with the Port Angeles Chamber in October. It will be a meeting between the Executives of each organization. The Chamber is also working with the Clipper to schedule a meeting with the Seattle Chamber.
- c. BC Chamber Chair came to meet with the CEO, Chair and Past Chair. There was no new information but a promise to bring any new information forward to the Board.

## 4. Committee Report - Executive & Governance Committee

- a. Acclamation of 2024 Board, no election was needed the slate was filled. Fallon Lindsay is moving out of the region and has tendered her resignation. But as we have 15 Board members, no additional actions needed.
- b. Review of bylaws to set the Board Nomination Committee.

### **Motion to appoint the Board Nomination Committee as the Past Chair, Chair and Vice-Chair**

MOVED by Moira Hauk      SECONDED by James Gatsi      CARRIED

- c. Review of available appointments to external boards. CEO to discuss upcoming appointment to Film Commission for 2024.

## 5. CEO Report

- a. Canadian Chamber AGM and awards. CEO will be attending. There are 54 resolutions going to the floor. Aviation fuel, upskilling women in non-traditional roles, advancing indig procurement, national workforce strategy, Vaccine facilities, Post-secondary research, climate change. Inclusive Growth Award will be presented at the event and the Greater Victoria Chamber will be one of three chambers receiving this inaugural award.
- b. Hockey Day in Canada Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. COPY FROM EXEC. 8 - 10 million viewers seeing Victoria and celebrating our uniqueness. Greater shoulder season attraction for Victoria. RINK 20 years. Hockey for everyone. Stanley Cup paddled in by local first nation. 100 years celebration of Victoria Cougars winning the Stanley Cup. Flotilla for the Stanley Cup Flotilla
- c. Downtown – recent Instagram video. Pivoting to bring more people non profits
- d. Engagement with stakeholders. Kulea Colourful Business Event – looking for volunteers. Great event with BC Hydro and Belleville Terminal finally beginning construction. Request for meetings with Chamber with US Consul General and NWAC. New CEO for Airport. Some recent wins with larger members. Many meetings with various local and national stakeholders. Upcoming trip to Seattle to

improve flow of tourists between the two regions. Discussion of setting up a West Coast Chamber Summit to discuss burgeoning issues re: Downtown issues.

- e. New Canadian Business Fund to assist with connecting new business owners with the community as a whole. They need supports that The Chamber can provide. k we're about
- f. Indigenous Economic Reconciliation Program  
Discussion about how the program is rolling out and review how to best support these Indigenous Businesses.

**Motion to extend the Indigenous Economic Recovery program so that membership fee is optional as**

Moved by John                      Seconded by James                      Carried

- g. Prepping to choose The Chamber Member of the Year (attached – Deadline Nov 21)

1) Committee Reports

a) Finance & Audit Committee

- i) Financial Report to end of August (attached). Financial reported on to the end of August. Net positive results.  
Motion to accept the Financials as presented.

Moved by Moira                      Seconded Pedro                      Carried

- ii) CEBA Repayment

- b) Public Policy & Advocacy Committee Report on July & September meeting: Non-market workforce housing, Cdn Chamber policies support & Climate Action Leadership advocacy . To be emailed

- c) IDEA Committee new members. Cdn Chamber network Inclusive Growth event. How do we get everyone involved in the workforce. Kulea in November.

**Motion to accept Board Committee Reports as presented and adjourn the meeting.**

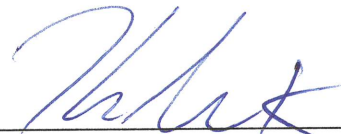
MOVED by Jessica Stigant

SECONDED by Judith Ethier

CARRIED



Secretary



Chair

Guest Speaker – Robert Lewis Manning - GVHA