

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, June 30, 2020 | 7:30 - 9:30 am

GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Attending: John Wilson, Moira Hauk, Christina Clarke, Carmen Charette, Bruce Williams, Pedro Marquez, Ian Batey, Kris Wirk, Paul van Koll, Tom Plumb, Judith Ethler, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

Regrets: Dan Dagg, Brianna Green, Rose Arsenault, Captain (Navy) Sam Sader

### 1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda as is.

Moved by Pedro Marquez

Seconded by Christina

Carried

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting.

Moved by Carmen Charette

Seconded by Judith Ethier

Carried

#### 2. Chair's Remarks

Welcome to Bruce Williams as our new CEO to his first board meeting and the start of Phase 3 of the BC Restart Plan. The Chamber has been very vocal in the media and with provincial letters around the need to support Tourism and the extension of the temporary layoff period. The temporary layoff was extended until the end of August

Mid-Year Board Planning Session date has been moved to end of July in order to provide a better depth of information on current conditions and their impact on The Chamber as well as allowing the new CEO time to acclimatize. The board will be polled to assess what percentage of the committee will be physically at the meeting vs. attending virtually. Meeting location tod dependent on numbers.

### 3. Finance & Audit Committee

Review of May financials and revised forecasts projecting the results of COVID-19 were presented to the board. Measures have been put in place to ensure the financial viability of The Chamber long-term, including utilizing various federal programs available to affected businesses. A meeting was held with our Portfolio advisor earlier in the month, currently the portfolio is in excellent shape. The decision was to maintain the cash balance at a slightly higher level in case there is an operational need for a withdrawal.

Motion to approve the financials as presented.

Moved by Moira Hauk Seconded by Kris Wirk Carried

#### 4. CEO's Remarks

Board Election Nominations notice went out to the membership. Discussion around skills matrix and vision for The Chamber

KPIs until the end of May were presented, noting the original targets were set with the assumption that 2020 would be a normal year. CEO will be meeting with the top 100 members of The Chamber over the next 2-3 weeks.

Motion to move in camera Moved by Judith Ethier Seconded by Moira Hauk

Motion to shift out of in camera Moved by Carmen Charette Seconded by Paul van Koll Carried

## 5. Committee Reports

**Executive & Governance Committee's** draft minutes were reviewed. Incumbents for the election were reviewed for the upcoming Board Election. Discussion around Vice-Chair role, the by-laws currently leave the vice-chair up for election as per 2-year term. Ideally the vice-chair, like the chair role would not go up for a renewal vote. Airport Authority Board nominations have been requested for the coming term. Two names of long-standing, committed Chamber members have been put forward. The successful nominees will be asked to represent The Chamber and our members with the Airport Authority and provide us with updates on activities.

Motion to accept the nominations to the Airport Authority Board as presented

Moved by John Wilson Seconded by Moira Hauk

Public Policy & Advocacy Committee has pivoted to a zoom roundtable using the expertise and diversity on the committee to inform The Chamber on our rapidly changing environment and current advocacy needs and how best we can help our members.

**Prodigy Group** is continuing to host mingles and looking to add in a slightly different format in September. Work has been done to shore up the committee members during this time of chaos but additional committee members are needed in Communications and Mentorship.

Ambassador Committee is doing well, attending the virtual events and meeting monthly virtually. Additional work has been done to promote connecting with Ambassadors with members during this time of social isolation.

Motion to accept the Executive, Policy, Prodigy & Ambassador Reports as presented.

Moved by Ian Batey Seconded by Tom Plumb Carried

5. Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 28, 2020 - 7:30 – 9:00am Plus Mid-Year Retreat

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Kris Wirk

Seconded by Christina Clarke

Carried

Secretary

Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_