

Attending: Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Christina Clarke, Rahim Khudabux, Carmen Charette, Catherine Holt, Lise Gyorkos, Kris Wirk, Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

Regrets: John Wilson, Mark Smith, Mark Mawhinney, Danielle Fullwood, Ian Batey,

1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda

Moved by Rahim Khudabux

Seconded by Carmen Charette

Add appointment of the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Committee Appointments

Carried

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting

Moved by Lise Gyorkos

Seconded by Rahim Khudabux

Carried

2. Chair's Remarks

It has been another busy but positive month with good local engagement including a meeting with Finance Minister Carole James on EHT. Summer Social Series is a very successful event series and does a good job in exposing Chamber to future members. The Federal Finance Minister roundtable went very well creating productive dialogues with members and federal decision makers.

Motion to approve the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Committee Appointments of the Past Chair, Chair and Vice-Chair

Moved by Al Hasham

Seconded by Christina Clarke

Carried

Board Election closes on Oct 4th, there has been a good response to date.

The process for recruiting Committee Members has been pushed out to the membership and engagement promoted. It creates a clear and transparent process for joining committees. Commitments for committee work will be for 2 years.

Nominations for the Chamber Member of the Year were called for. This will be voted on at the November Board Meeting.

BC Chamber membership was reviewed. The cost of the membership when assessed against the alignment of views, responsiveness and new initiative MindReader was discussed. Chair and CEO to talk with Chair and CEO of BC Chamber.

Upcoming events include Auction, joint Christmas event with VIATEC and a confirmed date of Dec 12 for Board to serve breakfast at Our Place.

All Board Committee reports will be presented to the board for approval ongoing.

Motion to approve the Executive Committee report Sept 18, 2018

Moved by Dan Dagg

Seconded by Al Hasham

Carried

3. Finance and Audit Committee report

Motion to approve the Financials and Finance & Audit Committee report as presented

Moved by Kris Wirk

Seconded by Jason Boyd

Carried

4. CEO's Report

CEO has indicated that the overall health of the organization is doing well. The recent hire in membership sales should be an asset in growing overall membership numbers. New website to launch as of Oct. 1.

Planning sessions for the new 4 year plan is on track, so far consultations have been done with Stakeholders, Board, Staff, and Committees.

There will be a rededication of Chamber's initiative of the WW1 Memorial Trees on Shelbourne St. Trees originally planted in 1921 by Chamber members.

5. Public Policy & Advocacy Report

Recent speaker Christine Massey ADM for Child care provided the committee with a comprehensive overview on the issue. The Chamber indicated their support of increasing child care spots and accolades for the work done by SD61 in order to create spaces cost effectively. Sybil Seitzinger, the director of Pacific Institute on Climate Solutions also presented to the committee on next steps for climate solutions.

Mayoral candidates around the region have received 6 questions. Their responses will be published on The Chamber website and propagated via BizNews.

Bruce Hallsor will lead a Proportional Representation informational seminar in order to provide an informed vote on this issue.

Motion to accept the Public Policy & Advocacy Report as presented

Moved by Rahim Khudabux

Seconded by Kris Wirk

Carried

6. Prodigy Group Report

Motion to accept the Prodigy Group Report

Moved by Al Hasham

Seconded by Jason Boyd

Carried

7. Ambassadors Report

Motion to accept the Ambassador Report

Discussion around refining the mentorship process in order to provide better info and structure for both. Staff to provide a framework.

Moved by Rahim Khudabux

Seconded by Al Hasham

Carried

8. Next Meeting – Friday, November 23, 2018.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Al Hasham

Seconded by Jason Boyd

Carried