

# Minutes –

## Chamber Board Meeting –

May 30, 2023 | 7:30 – 9:30am | Hybrid

**THE  
CHAMBER.**

GREATER VICTORIA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Invited:** Kris Wirk Moira Hauk, Christina Clarke, Richard Michaels, Ann Squires-Ferguson, James Gatsi, Rose Arsenault, Jessica Stigant, Fallon Lindsay, Judith Ethier, Captain (Navy) Jeff Hutchinson, Josue Dubon, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

**Regrets:** Pedro Marquez, Bruce Williams, John Wilson

*The Greater Victoria Chamber acknowledges that our members live and do business on 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 a request from Canadian Chamber for a letter of support to the CEO report

MOVED by Fallon Lindsay

SECONDED by James Gatsi

CARRIED

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

MOVED by Richard Michaels

SECONDED by Fallon Lindsay

CARRIED

### 3. Chair's Remarks

- a. The Chamber has continued to maintain pressure on support for Downtown revitalization and visitors with an Op Ed sent to the TC cosigned by various stakeholders. In response the City has launched a million dollar #OurDwtn program
- b. Family Business Association has voted to join The Chamber and transitions are in progress with a goal to finalize in the early summer.
- c. Business Awards were well received, and the gala was well done. An impressive group of finalists and winners.
- d. On the occasion of our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary congratulatory letter from the Prime Minister & Premier were received
- e. Although some engagement with stakeholders has slowed down in the CEO's absence, recent wins include two events with the Minister of Housing and the Minister of Jobs and sharing opportunities around the pending Wet Lab development with members.

### 4. Committee Reports

#### a. Executive & Governance Committee

External appointments were reviewed for the year and requests by external boards for pending extensions for those appointments will be accepted. The election schedule for 2023 to select the 2024 Board was discussed.

#### **Motion to accept the election schedule presented for the 2024 Board**

MOVED by Christina Clarke

SECONDED by James Gatsi

CARRIED

Discussion around the merger with FBA and how best to support and strengthen our commitment to family businesses in our region. A new committee to guide those efforts that includes family businesses only – including both FBA members and Chamber members that are family businesses.

#### **Motion to develop a new Committee called the Family Business Committee**

MOVED by Ann Squires-Ferguson

SECONDED by Jessica Stigant

CARRIED

#### **Motion to move In Camera**

MOVED by Christina Clarke

SECONDED by Moira Hauk

CARRIED

#### **Motion to leave In Camera**

5. MOVED by James Gatsi

SECONDED by Christina Clarke

CARRIED