

**Attending:** Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Ian Batey, Christina Clarke, Rahim Khudabux, Carmen Charette, Catherine Holt, Lise Gyorkos, Mark Mawhinney, Danielle Fullwood, Kris Wirk, Mark Smith, Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

**Regrets:** John Wilson

1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda

**Moved by Mark Smith**

**Seconded by Carmen Charette**

**Carried**

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting

**Moved by Jason Boyd**

**Seconded by Rahim Khudabux**

**Carried**

2. Chair's Remarks

It has been another busy but positive month with good local engagement, top notch speakers garnering national attention and high attendance. The city of Victoria is introducing an aggressive agenda of being climate neutral by 2030? The Chamber indicated that businesses are committed to that change but need support and cost recovery assistance. PEI has introduced the bag bylaw that Victoria pioneered and The Chamber will continue to advocate that the entire CRD adopts one rule for the entire region. Belleville terminal upgrades are currently accessed as higher than original but working to keep the upgrade going and attain pre-clearance for the upgraded facility. The Chamber discussed accepting as members Cannabis dispensaries with business licenses as we rapidly move towards full legality in October. Discussions include The Chamber's role in supporting small businesses, role of being forward thinking, reputation management, qualification of these businesses and where the federal legislation is in the approval process.

Motion to approve extending Chamber membership to Cannabis dispensaries with business licenses

**Moved by Dan Dagg**

**Seconded by Christina Clark**

**8 for and 1 against**

**Motion Carried**

**One member abstained**

Reminder on the Board elections this fall and the nomination date closures. .

3. Financial Report

Financials are very positive and on track as of end of May.

Motion to approve financials presented to the Board

**Moved by Kris Wirk**

**Seconded by Ian Batey**

**Carried**

Annually membership dues are reviewed and increased by CPI. The voluntary charge for Economic Development is recommended to be removed and to integrate the economic development fee into the rates and treat it as we do all other Chamber expenses.

Motion to be made at June meeting.

Motion to approve annual dues update as proposed

**Moved by Mark Smith**

**Seconded by Rahim Khudabix**

**Carried**

RFP responses received, reviewed and shortlisted by the staff. Select finalists presented to the finance and audit committee in June. RBC Dominion Securities was selected based on a lower commission rate, solid reputation and expertise in NFP investment policies.

Motion to approve RBC Dominion Securities as the new investment advisor for the Investment Portfolio

**Moved by Mark Smith**

**Seconded by Al Hasham**

**Carried**

4. Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

Harbour Master presented to the committee. This is the busiest body of water in Canada with the complexity of an airport as well as ferries, pleasure boats and a working harbour. We are seen internationally as doing it exceptionally well.

5. Prodigy Group

13 members and SOPs being developed for improving operations and role transitions. Mentorship is doing well and looking for quality mentors to match with a growing number of mentees.

6. Ambassadors

Committee activities are on track and engagement with new members is going well. Working more closely with mentorship program. Developing higher profile for the Ambassadors to improve mixer and mingle integration.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

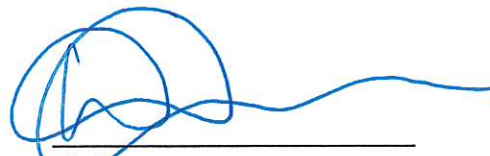
Motion to adjourn

**Moved by Al Hasham**

**Seconded by Rahim Khudabix**

**Carried**

  
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Chair

*Sept 25/18*  
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