

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 | 7:30 - 9:30 am

GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Attending: Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Moira Hauk, Rahim Khudabux, Carmen Charette, Catherine Holt, Lise Gyorkos, Paul van Koll, Pedro Marquez, Kris Wirk, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff). Captain (Navy) Sam Sader, John Wilson, Ian Batey, Danielle Fullwood, Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd Regrets: Christina Clarke

1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda Moved by Ian Batey Seconded by Pedro Marquez Carried

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting Moved by Moira Hauk
Seconded by Al Hasham
Carried

2. Chair's Remarks

The first six months have been remarkable. Due to the hard work of the staff and a prolific number of requests from Federal Ministers to speak with our members, some of our annual goals have already been achieved. Work continues on increasing the number of municipalities that are members of the Greater Victoria Chamber. It is impressive to see the spirit of collaboration between the municipalities and believe it reflects the tone set by and efforts of The Chamber. Board Elections will be taking place in the fall. There are 5 positions available.

3. Finance & Audit Committee

The financials were presented to the Board. Strong results from the first 4 months due to a large number of successful events. Investment is doing well. Financial projections were presented for the year based on the first five months. Positive results at yearend are currently forecasted.

Motion to accept the audited financials as presented.

Moved by Kris Wirk Seconded by Rahim Khudabux Carried

4. CEO remarks

Core skills matrix has been distributed to the Board in preparation for the fall Nomination committee. Through this early review it will also assist in identifying any skills gaps to help target the best candidates for the incoming 2020 chamber board.

5. Committee Reports

Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

Fascinating presentation by Jean McRae of ICA on demographic trends. It underscores the concerns that our members have voiced about a lack of staffing. It has been decided to maintain the Public Policy and Advocacy Committee as a monthly meeting in order to keep on top of current issues and remain informed on key pillars.

A recent OpEd on populism vs informed rational discussion was very well received and demonstrates that we are on the pulse of the community. Mix of both chamber members and general public responses. Previous requests from The Chamber to meet and discuss issues with Councillor Isitt have gone unanswered. Another request will be presented to him to present at the Policy meeting. Next meeting: Victoria Foundation – non-profit impact on the local economy.

Prodigy Committee mid-year report was shared in May. Work has begun on beginning the passing of the torch to the vice-chair. An annual fall workplan will be implemented including roles outlined. This year has been a systematic building year setting a foundation for ongoing success. Planning retreats will now align with the Board timing in order to better align with The Chamber objectives.

Ambassador Committee is doing well. Engagement is being reviewed. Director of Operations will be the staff liaison for the committee for 2019 before transitioning to another staff person in 2020. Motion to accept the Policy, Prodigy & Ambassador Reports and to distribute the Board KPI report to all committees.

Moved by Rahim Khudabux Seconded by Danielle Mulligan Carried

6.	Next Meeting – Tuesday, Sept 25, 2019. Motion to adjourn Moved by Moira Hauk Seconded by Lise Gyorkos Carried Secretary	Chair
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