

Minutes –



GREATER VICTORIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Board Meeting –

March 30, 2021 | 7:30 – 9am | Virtual

Attended: John Wilson, Kris Wirk, Moira Hauk, Christina Clarke, Richard Michaels, Ann Squires-Ferguson, Rose Arsenaault, Tom Plumb, Captain (Navy) Sam Sader, Pedro Marquez, Dan Dagg, Ian Batey, Bruce Williams, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

Regrets: Raul Caballero, Judith Ethier

The Greater Victoria Chamber acknowledges that our members, live and do business on the Traditional Territory of the Lək̓wungen speaking peoples. It recognizes the [First Nations governments across this region](#) — Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, the W̱SÁNEĆ Nations of Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout and Tseycum on the Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands, to the west Beecher Bay, T'Sou-ke, Pacheedaht, the Malahat and Penelekut Nations.

1. Approval of the agenda and minutes:

Motion to approve agenda as is.

Moved by Pedro Marquez

Seconded by Ann Squires-Ferguson

Carried

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting.

Moved by Moira Hauk

Seconded by Sam Sader

Carried

2. Chair

This has been a year of turmoil on many fronts ranging from COVID, to the spotlight on systemic racism and homelessness and financial challenges for business. Yesterday's announcement of another COVID circuit breaker was disheartening, but meetings and events like these spending time again with business leaders re-energizes and recharges the entrepreneurial spirit. We have an amazing community and Chamber and I have pride in our efforts and optimism about what we can do. Thank you

3. CEO

Based on yesterday's request by the Provincial Health Officer for 3 weeks of COVID isolation, Chamber staff have ramped up work from home plans to support our members and community.

The CEO continues to support the champions both with one-on-one meetings and informational meetings to provide business intelligence. Additional CEO meetings with both members and future members have been designed to strengthen the relationships and assist business in its efforts to bounce forward from the pandemic.

Flower Count went well and provided positive national coverage. Chamber Chat – a Chamber podcast - is now also a weekly broadcast on CHEK. Hall of Fame to be announced next week.

c. Public Policy & Advocacy Committee

- i. The committee has returned to the previous format of doing meetings with guest speakers. February's speaker was Julian Daly, Our Place. It was inspiring to hear about his insights into the region's homeless situation.

d. Ambassador Committee

Speakers have been lined up for the committee, and all is going well.

e. Prodigy Committee

New chair Raul Cabellero is bringing a great energy to the committee and recruiting new members with exceptional skillsets.

Motion to accept Board Committee Reports as presented.

Moved by Richard Michaels
Seconded by Christina Clarke
Carried

Information Items

- Events Registration - distributed
- Recent reports from GVHA (verbal presentation) and VEHS - distributed.
- Airport Authority to present to the board in May.

5. Next Meeting – May 27, 2021

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Tom Plumb
Seconded by Christina Clarke
Carried

Secretary



Chair

