

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

**Regrets:** Mark Smith, Mark Mawhinney,

### 1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda

**Moved by Rahim Khudabux**

**Seconded by Al Hasham**

**Carried**

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting

**Moved by Ian Batey**

**Seconded by Carmen Charette**

**Carried**

### 2. Chair's Remarks

Welcome to the new Board members and introductions. Appointments for Board committees for 2019 and a very tentative plan for 2020 was presented. Reminder that attendance at Board meetings are critical. Our a bylaw indicates missing 3 consecutive meetings without advance approval from the Chair would result in the board member no longer being in good standing.

Motion to approve the appointments to the Committees as proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2019.

**Moved by Al Hasham**

**Seconded by Ian Batey**

**Carried**

Recruitment of committee members through the application process turned out well. This will continue as the process for committee appointments – see the website on the committee page for the application.

Review of nominations for the Chamber Member of the Year 2019 presented at the Business Awards

Motion to approve Rose Arsenault as the 2019 Chamber Member of the Year

**Moved by Dan Dagg**

**Seconded by Al Hasham**

**Carried**

Update on BC Chamber membership. Review of the structure of BC Chamber and our relationship and value for investment. A letter has been set to the Chair & CEO of BC Chamber on this, there has been a request for a written response. The response will be shared with the Board in January.

### 3. Executive & Governance Committee Report

Motion to approve the report from the Executive & Governance Committee

**Moved by John Wilson**

**Seconded by Al Hasham**

**Carried**

### 4. Finance and Audit Committee report

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

**Moved by Kris Wirk**

**Seconded by John Wilson**

**Carried**

Motion to approve the 2019 Budget Financials as presented

**Moved by Kris Wirk**

**Seconded by John Wilson**

**Carried**

Investment policy statement was updated to reflect best practices for non-for-profits. Advice provided by RBC Wealth Management.

Motion to approve the Investment Policy Statement developed in collaboration with RBC Wealth Management: Dominion Securities.

**Moved by Kris Wirk**

**Seconded by John Wilson**

Request that RBC add The Chamber logo to the document to indicate that it is jointly developed and owned by The Chamber.

**Carried**

#### 5. CEO's Report

CEO reported, as demonstrated by the KPIs, 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. Events have been a very successful component of The Chamber's efforts this year. Advocacy and stakeholder engagements have done well.

#### 6. Public Policy & Advocacy Report

Proposed new pillars will be reviewed during the planning session. Among the many key issues identified, Safe Communities has emerged as a key issue that must be addressed for the health of the community and local businesses.

Bruce Hallsor led a Proportional Representation informational seminar for The Chamber providing an informed presentation with an historical overview and pros and cons of each option. Lunch with the Attorney General provided an insightful and indepth presentation that shone a light on money laundering. Meetings with the new mayors are being scheduled with the CEO and chair. Goal for 2019 is to get more engaged with more communities in the region, similar to our engagement with City of Victoria.

In the battle to alter the terms of the EHT implementation, The Chamber sent in over 70 letters to the Minister of Finance. A larger provincial movement was needed to derail the bill and it was passed. Advocacy on the issue is now shifting to shielding business from a double hit through increased property tax to cover the EHT bill for municipalities. The Chamber will be active in this fight.

Motion to accept the Public Policy & Advocacy Report as presented

**Moved by Rahim Khudabux**

**Seconded by Ian Batey**

**Carried**

#### 7. Prodigy Group Report

New chair is focused on building the committee's fundamentals to provide a base for success. New programs to include engagement with PowerPlay

Motion to accept the Prodigy Group Report

**Moved by Christina Clarke**

**Seconded by Lise Gyorkos**

**Carried**

#### 8. Ambassadors Report

Simplified and improved strategies have been implemented and the Ambassador committee is focused on driving engagement. Chamber staff have been an asset in providing assistance. Speakers to be identified for the committee in 2019. Succession planning taking place to keep energy high for the committee.

Motion to accept the Ambassador Report

**Moved by Al Hasham**

**Seconded by Carmen Charette**

**Carried**

#### 9. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Motion to adjourn

**Moved by Jason Boyd**


**Seconded by Kris Wirk**

**Carried**

Secretary

Chair

Date

  
Jan 28/2019

