

**Present:** Frank Bourree (Chair), Dan Dagg, Natasha Reger, Jared Webb, Nigel Brown, Mark Smith, John Wilson, Capt. (N) Steve Waddell, Dee Govang, Kathleen Burton, Gary Kinar, Troy MacDonald, Al Hasham, Mark Mawhinney, Sang-Kiet-Ly, Tom Roemer, Kathy Khouri, Bruce Carter (CEO), Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff)

**Regrets:** Patricia Jelinski

1) Additions to agenda:

Guest speaker: George Hanson, VIEA

**Motion to approve March agenda as amended.**

**Moved by:** Dan Dagg

**Seconded by:** Mark Smith

**Carried**

2) Motion to approve February board minutes.

**Moved by:** Kathleen Burton

**Seconded by:** Dan Dagg

**Carried**

3) Motion to approve February financial statements.

**Moved by:** Jared Webb

**Seconded by:** Nigel Brown

**Carried**

4) Policy

**Gaming Event License Policy**

Recommendation to update regulations to enable non-profit organizations and organizations that benefit the community to raise funds through gaming event licenses.

**Motion: to approve *Gaming Event License (2015) policy.***

**Moved by:** Gary Kinar

**Seconded by:** Nigel Brown

**Carried**

Gender Equity Task Force has been created to review what might be recommended to The Chamber as a policy. Although this would not be ready in time for the BC Chamber it might be ready to present at the Canadian Chamber.

5) Committee Reports

**Prodigy Group**

Retreat was just completed in March with the new Board. In terms of growth, Mingle attendance has been up overall. Ambassador liaison has been initiated with the Prodigy, updates are done quarterly. Special events focus this year will revolve around volunteering time in alignment with Prodigy/Chamber key demographic. New initiative tentatively identified for Feb 2016 – TP the Town.

**Capital Region Governance Review Committee**

Committee has been renamed to reflect the agnostic nature of the study process in terms of identifying best options for the region whether that be amalgamation or regional efficiencies or an alternate.

Province has money set aside for the study but requires letters from all municipalities to initiate this study. Chamber will add our voice to this group of letters. Committee's role is to assist in shaping the study to define a clear outcome that can be actioned. Skill sets and regional representation for the committee is key and more members are welcome. Board to email Mark with region that they will help to liaise with on this.

6) Economic Development

**Committee Chair**

All municipalities are showing increased awareness and focus on economic development either locally or through GVDA. Additional funding by CRD and municipalities is being targeted. WD Project may reallocate some money between projects, this will return to the board for approval once the GVDA committee has reviewed.

The Chamber Board endorses the decision to appoint Dan Dagg as the new Chair of the GVDA

**Moved by:** Gary Kinar

**Seconded by:** Sang-Kiet Ly

**Carried**

7) Audit Report

Overall the Annual Audit went very smoothly with very minimal changes. New initiatives for the audit includes Our Vibrant Community Committee. Good fiscal management by the Chamber staff resulted in a small revenue surplus.

The Chamber Board approves presenting the 2014 Annual Audit at the Annual General Meeting in May for approval by the membership.

**Moved by:** Sang-Kiet Ly

**Seconded by:** Al Hasham

**Carried**

8) Chair's Remarks

Inquiry from the Esquimalt Chamber to better align our Chambers. We continue our initiatives with other regional Chambers.

9) CEO remarks

**Lease approval**

The lease renewal was well-negotiated based on a 5 yr term with essential renovations included as part of the agreement. CEO has recommended approval of the terms which, if approved, would start as of February 1, 2016. Pending additional review, a request for capital expenditures will be presented to the Board.

Motion to approve the new lease terms.

**Moved by:** Dan Dagg

**Seconded by:** Mark Smith

**Carried**

**Staffing Update**

Events Manager, Christine Lewis has joined the team. The position that was Policy & Communications Manager has been revised to include a role as spokesperson for The Chamber. The job description for Manager of Policy & Public Affairs will be sent to the Board today.

**Cruise Industry**

A significant contingent of Greater Victoria represented the region at the meetings with nearly 75% of the major cruise ship partners. Recent survey results of the region done by the cruise ship industry has shown that the general public supports the cruise ship industry in Greater Victoria. Additional studies to

take place. Key that we continue to provide a strong voice of support for the sector in order to avoid a vocal minority overwhelming the communication.

Business Awards

Judging commences shortly. Finalists to be announced late this week or early next week.

10) In Camera Session


**Motion to Adjourn**

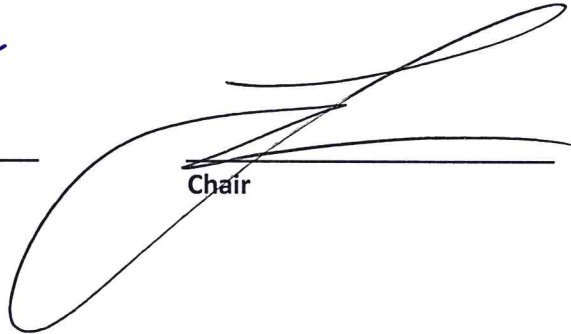
**Moved by:** Gary Kinar

**Seconded by:** Tom Roemer

**Carried**

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday April 28, 2015

  
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Secretary

  
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Chair

APRIL 28 2015  
Date