

THE CHAMBER.

GREATER VICTORIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 24, 2016

Chamber offices

7:30 – 9:00 am

Attending: Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Frank Bourree, Kathy Khouri , Shaun Cerisano, Carmen Charette, Lise Gyorkos, Patricia Jelinski, , Natasha Reger, Mark Smith, Kris Wirk, Sang-Kiet Ly, Mark Mawhinney, , John Wilson, Bruce Carter (CEO), Catherine Holt (CEO incoming), Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff).

Regrets: Gary Kinar, Troy MacDonald, Captain (Navy) Steve Waddell,

1. Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve May agenda

Moved by Patricia Jelinski

Seconded by Mark Smith

Carried

Addition: Ambassadors, In Camera Session, Chamber Seminars

2. Approval of April minutes

Motion to approve April minutes

Moved by Frank Bourree

Seconded by Carmen Charette

Carried

3. Approval of April Financials

Motion to approve April financials

Moved by Kris Wirk

Seconded by Dan Dagg

Carried

4. Election Schedule

Motion to approve Election Schedule

Moved by Dan Dagg

Seconded by Patricia Jelinski

Carried

5. Chair's Remarks

The new CEO, Catherine Holt, was welcomed to the Board and The Chamber.

6. Finance Update

The annual increase of membership dues was presented to the Board. The increase is tied to CPI for the region over the last 12 months. Discussion by Board surrounding the rate of increase and the costs of the WD program to The Chamber and longer term impacts were reviewed.

Motion to approve an increase to membership rates as presented to the Board

Moved by Sang Kiet-Ly

Seconded by Dan Dagg

Carried

7. Economic Development Update

An agreement with the South Island Prosperity Project has been signed and a meeting with WD project Management and SIPP is scheduled for this week.

ACTION Item: Invite for September to have ED and new chair of SIPP present to the Board

8. Motion to move In Camera

Moved by Patricia Jelinski

Seconded by Shaun Cerisano

Carried

Motion to move out of In Camera

Moved by Frank Bouree

Seconded by Sang Kiet-Ly

Carried

9. CEO Remarks

Turnover June 2 & 3. New CEO to begin June 6.

BC Chamber AGM starts this weekend where The Chamber will be presenting four policies. As well, The Chamber will be presenting this weekend at the event promoting Victoria as a destination as we are the host city for 2017. This event will be considered part of our sesquicentennial celebration.

10. Sewage Treatment

Minister Fassbender is working hard to facilitate the process and locking down a location for sewage treatment. External to the sewage treatment debate, his ministry remains focused on integrated services and achieving efficiencies.

11. Ambassador Meetings

Gatekeepers continue to pose challenges for Ambassadors with connecting with new members. Longer term, this can cause lower retention rates.

12. Chamber Seminars

The Chair is currently speaking prior to seminar in order to welcome guests and launch sessions. This opportunity was offered to other board members.

Motion to Adjourn

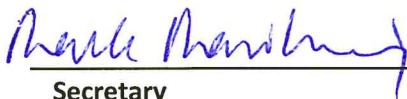
Moved by Sang Kiet-Ly

Seconded by Dan Dagg

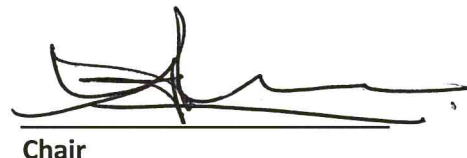
Carried

13. NEXT MEETING:

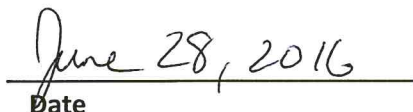
- a. June 28 at 7:30 a.m.



Secretary



Chair



Date