



GREATER VICTORIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 17, 2017
Bear Mountain | 8:00 – 9:30 am

Attending: Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Frank Bourree, Captain (Navy) Jason Boyd, Carmen Charette, Catherine Holt, Patricia Jelinski, Lise Gyorkos, Natasha Reger, Mark Mawhinney, Julia Livingston, Mark Smith, Kris Wirk, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff), Christine Lewis (staff).

Regrets: Shaun Cerisano, Gary Kinar, John Wilson

1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda

Moved by Mark Smith

Seconded by Lise Gyorkos

Carried

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting

Moved by Frank Bourree

Seconded by Mark Mawhinney

Carried

Introductions of attendees and welcome to the new Board Members.

2. Financial Report

Financials are looking positive and projected to remain solid for the remainder of the year.

Motion to approve financials presented to the Board

Moved by Kris Wirk

Seconded by Carmen Charette

Carried

Motion to approve 2018 Budget presented to the Board

Moved by Kris Wirk

Seconded by Patricia Jelinski

Carried

3. Chair's Update

The fall has been very active with meetings and events, including our first event with the new Finance Minister. The board nomination committee had a productive meeting with great choices for 2018 Committees. The new Members Breakfast format was a great success. The Chamber will continue to hone that event to grow it. VIEA conference was very interesting with lots of new outcomes. SIPP Prosperity Index launch was a great success as was the CEO Breakfast, both provided key feedback on areas that The Chamber can work with stakeholders on to improve the sustainability of the community. Collaborative discussions with key stakeholders has been very productive and The Chamber's position in that group is well respected.

Outcomes for the proposed Federal Small Business Tax Reform was a big positive for the Canada-wide chamber movement.

Chamber Member of the Year Nomination

Review of Nominees for Chamber Member of the Year. A single nominee for the award was Al Hasham.

Motion to approve Al Hasham as Chamber Member of The Year

Moved by Frank Bourree

Seconded by Dan Dagg

Carried

4. Governance Committee Items

Motion to approve 2018 Nominations Committee recommendations for roles for Board Directors.

Moved Frank Bourree
Seconded Patricia Jelinski
Carried

Motion to approve the following external appointment – John Espley, South Vancouver Island Film Commission

Moved Dan Dagg
Seconded Frank Bourree
Carried

Motion to approve the following external appointment –Moira Hauk, Tourism Victoria

Moved Dan Dagg
Seconded Mark Mawhinney
Carried

Motion to approve the following external appointment – Al Hasham, Airport Authority

Moved Dan Dagg
Seconded Patricia Jelinski
Carried

Reminder to board members to fill in their Board Skills Matrix

5. Report on Policy & Government Affairs

The committee has had a number of great speakers in 2017. The most recent speaker was Bob Lapham for the CRD, who provided some insights into working with 13 municipalities and the diversity of their overall responsibilities. The presentation provided. Rick McCandless from ICBC also spoke to the committee and provided a thorough exploration of the financial realities of ICBC. Dale Wall one of the authors of the Capital Integrated Services and Governance Initiative (CISGI) will speak with the Policy Committee on December 3.

6. Prodigy Group

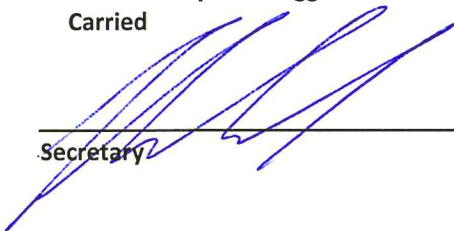
Prodigy Group’s new branding is launched with the goal of providing better alignment with The Chamber brand. Mingles are exceeding goals set for higher attendance, 2018 goals will be to increase value of the Mingles. Educational programs are on hold again for 2018, instead the Mentorship program will be the focus. Continued work on the new website planned for 2018. Request for mentors and currently looking for a solid candidate for Treasurer.

7. Ambassadors

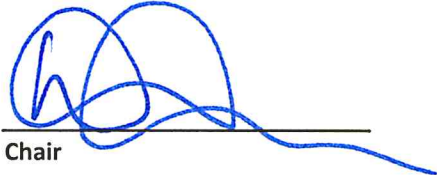
Ambassadors are active and vocal supporters of The Chamber. In 2018 they’ll be supporting the new membership orientation session that allows for peer to peer presentations and provide for the ability to encourage more attendees from each new business to expand the overall deep reach into each business.

8. Next Meeting - Friday, January 30, 2018.

Motion to adjourn
Moved by Frank Bourree
Seconded by Dan Dagg
Carried



Secretary



Chair

Date