

MINUTES

Hope and District Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Unit J 591 Wallace Street, Hope, B.C.

PRESENT:		REGRETS:	
President-Stephen Au-Yeung Treasurer- Hank De Meulder Secretary- Milly Marshall Director- Ryan Mohle Director-Isaiah Robinson Director Sharlene Harrison-Hinds Dennis Adamson Karl Kowlowsky Andrew George		Vice President-Lloyd Forman Director- Adam Perry Director-Hondo Stroyan	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION		
1. Call to Order	President S. Au-Yeung called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.		
2. Approval of Agenda/Addenda	MOHLE/ADAMSON THAT the agenda for February 24, 2016 be approved with the addition of addenda item 4.1. CARRIED		
3. Approval of Minutes	ROBINSON/DeMueulder THAT approval of the minutes from the meeting held on December 2, 2015 be adopted. CARRIED		
4. Delegations	4.1 Karl Koswolsky Mr. Koswolsky, representing School District #78 – Careers in Transition - noted that he was attempting to connect students with work experience in order to enable their future work and/or career paths. The Chamber expressed their support of the program and noted that more advertising of the program could be beneficial to increase public awareness.		

	<p>4.2 Andrew George</p> <p>Industry Training Authority, Regional Representative, Mr. Andrew George, explained to the Chamber the work experience apprenticeship program with respect to trade education. He noted that the program was in partnership with WorkBC and that the minimum age for program enrollment was 15 years. He further noted that in order for students to become certified they would be required to complete 100 hours of on the job training, pass exams and be recommended by their sponsoring business/employer. Benefits to the employer were also noted as well as the importance of community partnering for this program.</p>
<p>5. Standing Reports</p>	<p>5.1 President's Report</p> <p>The President noted the upcoming speaker series dinner meeting scheduled for March 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rec Centre-Conference Room.</p> <p>5.2 Financial Report</p> <p>The President noted that the Chamber had approximately \$16,000 funds on hand and approximately \$14,000 in equity.</p> <p>ROBINSON/MOHLER THAT the Financial Report be received for information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
<p>6. Old Business/Matters Arising</p>	<p>6.1 Speaker Series Update</p> <p>The President provided an over view regarding the set up for the next speaker series, advertising for the event, survey on each of the tables. Consideration of a fourth speaker or hosting a town hall meeting was also discussed.</p> <p>HINDS/MOHLER THAT consideration for the hosting of a facilitated town hall meeting be explored and brought back to the Chamber for further discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>6.2 Chamber of Commerce – Administrative Assistant</p> <p>MOHLER/ADAMSON THAT Directors Lloyd Forman, Sharlene Hinds and Isiah Robinson be appointed to the Hiring Committee for the purposes of recruiting a Hope and District Chamber of Commerce Administrative Assistant.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>6.3 Meeting Schedule for 2016</p> <p>MOHLER/HINDS THAT the Hope and District Chamber of Commerce 2016 meeting schedule be approved.\</p>

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7.1 Membership Renewal

The Treasurer noted that he was updating the status of the Chamber of Commerce memberships. Discussion regarding membership renewal dates also ensued. The Treasurer stated that he had hoped to have project completed by the next Chamber meeting.

7.2 Economic Development Workshop

The President reminded the Chamber of the upcoming Economic Development Workshop on March 21, 2016 hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. He further noted that a guest list submitted to the Province included District of Hope Council and FVRD Area A and B elected officials, representatives from Harrison, District of Kent and Members of Advantage Hope, etc. were included. He further noted that this economic development workshop for the region had to be arranged through the MLA to the British Columbia Economic Development Association.

7.3 Invitation From Advantage Hope

7. New Business

Discussion regarding an invitation by Advantage Hope to their AGM on March 24th at the Golf Course and participation in an upcoming "Business Walk". Support for their initiatives and expressed interest in the AGM was noted. Questions regarding timing, identified purpose, business involvement, etc. for the Business Walk were some of the issues discussed at length.

7.4 BC Economic Development Association

The President stated that only two voting members could represent the Hope and District Chamber of Commerce on the BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA) but that unlimited non-voting membership could belong to the BCEDA.

HINDS/MOHLE

THAT the President and Vice President be appointed as voting members representing the Hope and District Chamber of Commerce on the BC Economic Development Association;

AND THAT all other Chamber members be encouraged to participate as non-voting BC Economic Development members.

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	<p>7.5 Mobile Business Licenses</p> <p>It was noted that there were no mobile business licenses required in Area B but that 90% of business go to</p> <p>7.6 Signage</p> <p>An inventory of signs owned by the Chamber of Commerce was identified and discussed and that some of the signs required repair/maintenance. It was also noted that invoicing to the businesses advertising on the signs had not been undertaken for some time. It was further noted that an update was required from Advantage Hope with respect to kiosk signs.</p> <p>7.7 Committee Appointments</p> <p>MOHLE/ADAMSON THAT the following Directors be appointed to the following committees: Hank DeMuelder - Finance Isiah Robinson – Membership Ryan Mohle and Sharlene Hinds – Bylaw and Governance</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>7.8 Director Status</p> <p>The President noted that</p>
8. Round Table Discussion	No updates
9. Next Meeting	The next meeting of the District of Hope Chamber will be held on March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Hope and District Chamber office.
10. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.</p> <p>HINDS/ROBINSON THAT the meeting of the District of Hope Chamber of Commerce be adjourned.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>