

## Board Meeting Agenda April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present:** Tyler Schroeder, Connie Pauls, Derek Hamilton, Brent Laverty, Nicole Walske, Mariyam Tsygankova, Stéphan Warnock, Clare Agnew

**Regrets:**, Derek Wiebe, Zoria Constantino, Leah Olsen

**Welcome and Call to Order** at 12:07pm

**Agenda: MOTION: D. Hamilton/B. Laverty.** To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Welcome to new Board Member: Nicole Walske**

**Conflicts of Interest:** Tyler requested D. Hamilton to complete the Election of Officers portion of the agenda.

**Minutes: MOTION: M. Tsygankova/C. Pauls.** To adopt March 20, 2025, board meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report: Motion: C. Pauls/S. Warnock.** To adopt the Treasurers report as presented. **CARRIED.** Will send out reminders in May regarding outstanding membership dues.

**Member Feedback:** Positive feedback regarding Suncatch plans the City presented at the AGM. Comment after the AGM on how strong our Board is and the diversity.

**AGM Feedback:** good flow to the event, everything was on time. Suggestion to use pictures during our presentation. Invite the businesses to 'walk' with us as we continue to grow the chamber, testimonials as to the benefits of the Chamber, highlight reel of the year. We should have the agenda and financials (income statement and balance sheet) on the screen even if it's too hard to see. Possibly QR code. We need a better ending, a final touch to the event. Move the Chairs report to the front page of our website as the *Chamber year in review*. Food was good.

**Election of Officers: Motion: D. Hamilton/B. Laverty.** To elect the following executive Members: Tyler Schroeder - Chairperson, Derek Wiebe – Vice Chairperson, Connie Pauls – Treasurer to 1 year terms. **CARRIED.**

**Executive Director Report.** Report provided. Manitoba Chamber AGM hosted in Winkler this year, open to all Morden Chamber members.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### ▪ **Advocacy & Governance:**

- Policy resolution has been completed, present to the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce and will be shared at their upcoming AGM. Clare to share this information with media.
- Suncatch: the city presented at the State of the City Address that the Suncatch area will be closed Thursday – Monday 6 weekends throughout the summer. Clare will include a follow-up piece in the next newsletter. Clare to help promote the Suncatch events the City is offering and encourage the business community to use the space.

- **Member Services:** planning for a meeting in the beginning of May. Nothing to report.

- **Networking, Events & Promotions:** Held a meeting to review events. Adding a couple new things to the golf tournament and Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas. Josh McFarlane may be interested in joining the committee.
- **Executive:** No meeting. Nothing to report.
- **Chairperson:** Strat Plan coming up at the end of this year. Encourage us to be Bold & Aggressive. Wants to get feedback from the business community before we complete our planning. Any ideas on what that should look like?

**New Business**

- **Correspondence:** Grant Agreement received from the City of Morden.

**Old Business**

- **Exploring New Event ideas:** There's a Young Entrepreneurs program in Steinbach, could we consider something like that? Does Community Futures have a summer camp for youth entrepreneurs?

**Adjourn 12:59pm: B. Lavery/D. Hamilton. CARRIED.**

**Next Board Meeting:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Upcoming Events:**

- April 23: Federal Election All Candidates Forum
- April 29: Lunch & Learn: Digital Technology & AI
- May 6: Inspire Wellness
- June 5: Morden Chamber Nine & Dine golf tournament
- June 12: Regional Health Care Presentation