

## Board Meeting Minutes May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present:** Tyler Schroeder, Connie Pauls, Derek Hamilton, Brent Laverty, Nicole Walske, Mariyam Tsygankova, Stéphan Warnock, Derek Wiebe, Zoria Constantino, Leah Olsen, Clare Agnew  
**Regrets:**

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

**Agenda: MOTION: Z. Constantino/D. Wiebe.** To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Conflicts of Interest:** None

**Minutes: MOTION: B. Laverty/D. Hamilton.** To adopt April 17, 2025, the board meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report: Motion: C. Pauls/D. Wiebe.** To adopt the Treasurers report as presented. **CARRIED.** Clare to move funds into GIC.

**Member Feedback:** Round table on what each Board Member is seeing in their business/organization. Feedback varied: Tarriff concerns. Lots of uncertainty. Some businesses/industries are feeling the effects more than others. Branching out to new products. Some layoffs/work sharing and reduced immigration needs. Customers looking for *Made In Canada* products. Prices are increasing across the board.

Prairie Bell Greenhouse needs to relocate as Dollarama is set to move into their location. Explore opportunities for Prairie Bell's new location. Clare to reach out.

**Strategic Plan Review:** Plan to create testimonial videos from members and community members. Develop a community engagement strategy, prior to our Strat Planning. How should we engage the business community to gather current concerns and help shape goals and direction. Possible town hall meetings with different interest groups. Similar to meetings MAF has hosted in the past.

**Executive Director Report.** Report provided.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Advocacy & Governance:**
  - The Policy Resolution presented by Morden and Winkler at the MB Chamber AGM was adopted into their policy book for two years—marking a first for both Chambers and enhancing credibility.
- **Member Services:** Nothing to report.
- **Networking, Events & Promotions:** Nothing to report.
- **Executive:** Nothing to report.
- **Chairperson:** Nothing to report.

### **New Business**

- **Correspondence:** Canada Summer Jobs grant denied our application – no summer student for 2025. Explore the potential of hiring someone part-time for the summer months.

### **Old Business**

**Adjourn 1:10 pm: D. Hamilton/D. Wiebe. CARRIED.**



**Next Board Meeting:** June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Upcoming Events:** June 5: Morden Chamber Nine & Dine golf tournament  
June 12: Regional Health Care Presentation