



Board Meeting Minutes Jan. 15th, 2026

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

Regrets:, Leah Olsen, Zoria Constantino, Connie Pauls

Welcome and Call to Order at 12:06 pm

Agenda: Addition to the Agenda: Staffing Plan Proposal. **MOTION: D. Wiebe/D. Hamilton.** To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

Conflicts of Interest: None

Minutes: **MOTION: M. Tsygankova/B. Laverty.** To adopt December 23, 2025, board meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

Staffing Plan Proposal: B. Laverty reviewed the staffing process with the Board. Clare shared a staffing proposal including the budget impact with the Board. It was felt that the time was good as we go into Strategic Planning. Shows investment in the future of the Chamber and allows us to bring on more capacity. **MOTION: D. Hamilton/N. Walske** Authorize the staffing plan as presented. With the expectation that we would return to a balanced budget in 2027. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report: **Motion: D. Hamilton/D. Wiebe.** To adopt the Treasurers report as presented. **CARRIED.**

Budget 2026: **Motion: D. Hamilton/B. Laverty.** To adopt the 2026 Budget as presented. **CARRIED.**

Member Feedback: Nicole shared information from MITT and Southern Health. Clare to follow up. Mariyam met with Shawn Dias with the City of Morden. Derek W. met with Shawn and Nicole from the city. He suggests there is interest in informal meetings.

Executive Director report: as presented.

Committee Reports:

- Advocacy & Governance: received a reply from the City regarding the snow clearing. Shared this information with the businesses.
- Member Services: no report
- Networking, Events & Promotions: working on Banquet.
- Executive: met regarding staffing. Discussion earlier in the meeting.

Adjourn: 1:18 MOTION: S. Warnock/B. Laverty. CARRIED.

Next Board Meeting: Feb. 19th, 2026

Upcoming Events: Jan. 29th – Business Award Banquet
March 6th – International Women's Day Luncheon

Mission Statement:

The Morden Chamber is the bridge that connects business, community and government for the common goal of growing all local business. We strive to be a powerful voice, a strong connection and a valued resource to business in Morden and the surrounding area.