

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland
meeting of The Executive Board
held 4.00pm 23rd September 2014

The President welcomed the Board

PRESENT: Tony Collins, Shelley Nissen, Ryan Welsh, Daryl Small, Annie Johnston, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Laura Burns, Cr Paul Dimery, Jeremy Tauri, Terry Sage

APOLOGIES: Murray Broadbelt, Rob Meadows, Paul Dunn, Jeroen Jongejans, Richard Cranenburgh

**Moved/Seconded
Vince/Daryl**

LATE ARRIVALS: Tim Robinson 4.35pm

EARLY LEAVERS:

**PREVIOUS
MINUTES:**

**Moved/Seconded
Laura/Daryl**

FINANCE REPORT: Daryl spoke to the Finance KPI report for August 2014

Revenue

- \$48k for month – budget \$14k (difference is timing of Awards money coming through).
- YTD – \$211K tracking well against budget \$117K.

Cost of Sales

- \$46K budget due to Awards Event management payment schedule.

Expenses

- \$17K vs \$22K for month YTD \$128K compared with \$135K last year.

Maximum Funds available

- \$54K

Debtors

- 93% in current due to Awards ticket sales

Membership

- Total 397, down 1 from last month.

AP: Daryl to update KPI report to include Total year's budget column.

Moved/Seconded

Vince/Terry

CEO REPORT:

- Tony recently met with Bill Shepherd and Malcolm Nicolson from NRC regarding the Chambers stance on the Regional Roding strategy.
- Plan Change 130 – submissions deadline Monday 29th September.
- Ease of Business meeting this Wednesday (24th) with up to 20 representatives attending. Discussions around what is inhibiting businesses moving to Northland for business and what can we do today – who's driving these actions?
- The Chamber is at capacity for Events up until Christmas.

Moved/Seconded

Annie/Laura

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

Ease of Business:

Meeting at Chamber Wednesday 24th, 5pm

Moved/Seconded

Advocacy and Transformational Issues Action Group: emailed 21.8.14 taken as read

Moved/Seconded

COUNCIL

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth highlighted the following:

REPRESENTATIVE

- Council recently voted to support first past the post election method.

REPORTS:

- Sister City – Mayor Sheryl Mai and Jude Thompson (Group Manager, Positive Growth) will be heading to Haiku, China to begin a ‘sister city’ relationship. Ryan mentioned it would be great to mention how Whangarei would be a good destination for them to consider training for rugby/7’s etc as we have the grounds and facilities etc. Tricia will take that back to council.
- Smokefree 2025 – Government initiative to have NZ smokefree by 2025 – discussions at council about where Whangarei can take this.
- The last quarter information metric report – shows that Whangarei gained 22 permanent migrants and our GDP growth was 3.5% - higher than the National average.
- Chamber feedback re CBD meetings – It was requested that it be taken back to council about councilors making public comments about the ‘CBD plans being a waste of time’ after a lot of time attending meetings/supporting submissions for the planned changes by Chamber with this type of negativity undoing a lot of work.
- 10 October deadline – for Harbour Board building proposal.

FNDC: Cr Di Maxwell was not present so no report presented

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery highlighted the following:

- Bill Shepherd sends his thanks for support/like thinking regarding regional roading plans such as: Puhoi to Wellsford project (approved), Brynderwyn improvements, Loop Road.
- Their long term strategy is to be looking at how much money should be spent in getting people into Northland. They are currently working through a strategy to attract long term investment. It is perceived that NRC and Northland INC are not working together and in some cases working on the same thing as Northland INC are not able to divulge plans. This is currently being worked through.
- Civil Defence week is this week with promotions including a stall with councilors in attendance.
- NRC are currently working with Sport Northland regarding sporting facilities available at a National, Regional and club level. A report will be available next month.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 1 No general business was discussed

Item 2 .

Moved/Seconded

Meeting closed: 4.40pm

Meeting was followed by Strategic Plan meeting

A/P: Strategic Plan was discussed and deadline of amendments given before being finalised.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 28th October 2014

President **Date.....**