

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland
meeting of The Executive Board
held 4.00pm 25th August 2015

The President welcomed the Board

PRESENT: Tony Collins, Rob Meadows, Richard Booth, Murray Broadbelt, Terry Sage, Danny Douglas, Paul Dunn,
Vince Cocurullo, Ryan Welsh, Virginia Craig, Shelley Nissen

APOLOGIES: Tony Shi, Laura Burns, Jeremy Tauri **Moved/Seconded**
Vince/Murray

LATE ARRIVALS: Tim Robinson (4.02pm),
Tricia Cutforth/Wayne Roycroft (4.04pm)

EARLY LEAVERS:

PREVIOUS **Moved/Seconded**
MINUTES: Vince/Rob

FINANCE REPORT: Danny spoke about the Finance KPI report

- August this year looking better compared to 2014 - due to invoicing timing being different
- Membership steady, we are still waiting for Ricoh memberships to come through
- 90 day over dues creeping up

Moved/Seconded
Vince/Rob

CEO REPORT: 1. Entries for the Westpac Northland Business Excellence Awards closed on the 14th of August with numbers around the same as last year, with Arts included in the business entries this year.

A total of 15 entries were also received for the Innovation Award.

Judges met today and were allocated their categories. There is a good spread across Northland, with increased entries received from Kaitaia and Kerikeri.

2. The RFP request closes this Friday for the Northland Partnership with Northland Inc and the Chamber. This is looking positive for an increase in funding.
3. The Old Library has ceased to exist and there is some uncertainty around the security of our rental space here. It looks as though Whangarei Youth Music are moving into the space downstairs and are also requesting the office next door. The Chamber may need to consider other options.

AP: The Board and the Chamber to investigate other locations for consideration

Moved/Seconded

Tim/Rob

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

A discussion was had around the Ease of Business notes and the following decisions were made:

1. The name is to be "NORTHLAND PLEDGE"
2. "We are committed to make it easy to do business with us in Northland" was agreed to be our statement

The remainder of the Ease Of Business pledge is to be finalised by April 2016

Moved/Seconded

Tim/Wayne

COUNCIL

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth

Confirmed the Old Library is currently in a state of transition and it is intended that it will be used by music groups.

A reminder that the council website has the upcoming meeting agendas available to be viewed and encouraged the board to keep up with what meetings are taking place.

The local alcohol policy is currently being discussed.

A draft CBD development document is going out for consultation.

A recent report has highlighted the success of the Fritter Festival, the only festival grown here in Whangarei, in attracting visitors from outside of the region.

There is currently an EOI out for people wanting to use the site near the entrance of the Te Matau Pohe bridge for cafes etc

There have been no reports of disruption to the CBD businesses that may be affected by the current works

NRC: no representative present

KDC: Richard Booth highlighted the following

It is a fairly quiet time re planning

Work has just been initiated in Mangawhai for the water reticulation scheme – disposal options are currently being considered

There are currently 5 different legal actions taking place – including 2 accountability issues and rates recovery

Recruiting a Chief Executive is being considered to enable someone to take over and be ‘up to speed’ before the elections in

Oct 2016

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Health & Safety policy for the Chamber – The Auckland Chamber of Commerce are currently working on this and the Northland Chamber of Commerce will adapt and implement these recommendations. This could also be a relevant factor for moving premises.

It was suggested that the Chamber think about their view/stance on the upcoming Council decision regarding Easter Sunday Trading
Citysafe have noted that the Police commitment is not as it should be. Bimonthly meetings are held at the Chamber with no Police attending. The council are writing a formal letter to address this.

Meeting closed: 4.44pm

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 22nd September 2015

President **Date.....**