

NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland MINUTES
for meeting of The Executive Board
to be held from 4.00pm 23rd February 2016
at Chamber Boardroom, 7 Rust Ave, Whangarei

	Agenda Item		
	President welcomes Board – in Ryan’s absence Jeremy welcomed the board and chaired the meeting		
	PRESENT: Laura Burns, Virginia Craig, Jeremy Tauri, Rob Meadows, Murray Broadbelt, Wayne Roycroft, Richard Booth, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Tim Robinson, Vince Cocurullo, Tony Collins, Janette Dobbs.		
	APOLOGIES:	Ryan Welsh, Paul Dunn, Richard Cranenburgh, Terry Sage, Paul Dimery.	Moved/Seconded Jeremy/Tim
	LATE ARRIVALS:	Tony Shi (4.02pm) Danny Douglas (4.06pm)	
	EARLY LEAVERS:		
	CONFLICTS:	<i>No conflicts notified</i>	
	H&S REVIEW	<i>Nothing to report</i>	
Tony Shi arrived	PREVIOUS MINUTES:	<i>Taken a true and correct</i>	Moved/Seconded Jeremy/Tim
	FINANCE REPORT:	<p>In Danny’s absence Tony highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finances for 2015 are looking better than 2014 • A motion will be put to the AGM – to audit or review the Chamber financials <p>Discussion A/P: Jeremy to talk with Brent at Orbit Audits who completed our previous audits.</p> <p>Tony mentioned changes to Pivotal which is a dedicated Chamber CRM system and the need to upgrade Shelley’s computer to allow for these changes.</p>	Moved/Seconded Jeremy/Laura
Danny Douglas arrived	CEO REPORT:	<p>Tony highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM – nominations received ensure a full board with an uncontested election. • Suggestion that the March Board meeting be brought forward to just after the AGM <p>A/P: Janette to send out invitation after the AGM</p>	Moved/Seconded Tim/Virginia

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:		
Ease of Business:		Moved/Seconded Tim/Laura
<p>Nothing new to report WDC has assigned a portion of funding for the “Landing Pad” – for new businesses coming to Northland. Pete Gleeson has taken this role. Discussion over Economic Development role. A/P: Tony to arrange for Pete Gleeson to come and talk to the Board about the Landing Pad.</p>		
Advocacy:		Moved /Seconded Tim/Laura
Tony advised that there are opportunities around the Local Body elections		
General Business:		
	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:	WDC: Tricia highlighted the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting of the year tomorrow • Process for election year has been advised – Election date set down for 8th October • Annual planning process – mid March until end of April • Public engagement will be held slightly differently on several topics. A Councilor and WDC staff will be available to answer questions, gather new ideas and listen to concerns. • No money in current budget for new footpaths – looking at how it can be shaved from other budgeted items.
		KDC: Richard highlighted the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to WDC • LTP 3% increase this year – mainly rural area which is affected by downturn in that sector. • With the upcoming election questions are being asked about the elections and shoulder tapping potential candidates. • Joint councils Roding imitative with NZTA. If council agree to cooperate new Mangakahia Road will become a State Highway. Special Northland Roding Unit formed to Look at roading in Northland. • Local Government Commission is funding a study of the 4 waters along with the state of assets in Northland – What is there and what is needed? Commission is keen to have more coordination between councils. A/P: Richard will supply a copy of the Northland Roding Strategy.
		NRC: No report
		<p>Tim asked if the Council representatives could provide a perception of what they hear about the business community and how they feel it is going. What are the particular issues they are approached about?</p> <p>A/P: Jeff Devine (Head of WDC Roding Department) to be asked to talk to the Board about what is happening around Whangarei.</p>

