

NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland MINUTES
for meeting of The Executive Board
held from 4.00pm 23rd May 2017
at The Orchard – Mahi Tahī Meeting room, 85 Cameron St, Whangarei

	Agenda Item	
	PRESENT: Jeremy Tauri, Paul Dunn, Brett Donovan, Virginia Craig, Ken Wilson, Sue Walters, Tony Collins, Cr Tricia Cutforth, , Danny Douglas,	
	APOLOGIES:	Tony Shi Cr Anna Curnow Terry Sage, Deputy Mayor Tania McInnes, Rob Meadows, Murray Broadbelt, Tim Robinson. Moved/Seconded Jeremy/Tim
	LATE ARRIVALS:	
	EARLY LEAVERS:	Danny left (4.21pm)
	CONFLICTS:	<i>No conflicts notified</i>
	H&S REVIEW	<i>Nothing to report</i>
	PREVIOUS MINUTES:	<i>Taken a true and correct</i> Moved/Seconded Virginia/Ken
	FINANCE REPORT:	<p>Danny spoke to the finance reports</p> <p>Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April YTD Awards income is up due to invoicing • Business to Business Publication will be in May figures • Income similar to last year • BMNZ income is down due to timing • Increased income from functions and dedicated emails <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating expenses down from last year • Rent \$1.5k less • Looking at wages increases for staff <p>Cash on hand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has stayed up this year showing as more money in bank <p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steady at 465 • Target this year is 500 <p>A/P: Budget will be in place by 1st June</p>

	<p>CEO REPORT:</p>	<p>Tony highlighted the following:</p> <p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 workshops – strong interest • Need more in the medium sized business category <p>UFB2 Launch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First launch at Hikurangi, 30 attendees. CE from Crown Fibre in attendance • Small amount of income for Chamber as we assist with the rollout. <p>BMNZ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers are down so providing complimentary BMNZ codes for new members to receive mentors • Chamber offer in Advocate – Register for a mentor and receive Chamber membership at 50% discount for first year <p>Business Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brett Donovan, ..., Ricoh and NZME are providing speakers for the conference • Want 4-5 really good business speakers <p>Brett gave a summary of the speaker he has attracted – Tim Williams, Micro Biologist</p> <p>Skills.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a program to build business ambition and capability so that businesses can employ apprentices • Looking at tailoring BMNZ program to help these businesses 	<p>Moved/Seconded Jeremy/Sue</p>
<p>TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:</p>			
<p>Ease of Business: Small meeting – need to focus and reset goals</p> <p>Ken advised that Greg Currie is keen to invest in Northland – how does that work? As a Chamber can we have a simple one page answer?</p> <p>How many businesses have been invested through Northland Inc?</p> <p>A/P: Tony to follow up – Pete Gleeson may already have a one page document in place</p> <p>Tony gave an overview of an event held a couple of years ago on investment in business. He noted the lack of knowledge held by those who attended.</p>			<p>Moved /Seconded Jeremy/Virginia</p>

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Advocacy:

- Quite a bit through the media over last month
- Paycheck – through Auckland Chamber website
- Promoting ports issue
- Steven Joyce to speak at upcoming post budget breakfast

General Business:

**COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTS:**

WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth highlighted the following:

- Busy time at council – will be good for Alan to hear Chamber views on rate review
- Starting Long Term Plan process looking 10 years forward
 - Internal briefings on requirements over this time being held over next 2 months.
 - What resources are required e.g. Public transport, sewerage etc.
 - How much do people want council to spend e.g. dam (new legislature coming on water quality)
 - Future – get someone to speak to the Board – maybe have a BA5
- Parking – Whangarei has parking in line with other G9 centres – parking use and bylaws upcoming topics
- Window washing issue – bill going through parliament
- Camping in public places – 2 types – coming up for public consultation
- 3rd layer of restructuring taking place – staff to hear next week
- Business advisory group to council – different people will be targeted for different aspects
- Standard & Poors rating AA – same as government
- Bank St revitalization group meeting tonight
- Smart Cities – McKays did a presentation to council

KDC: Cr Anna Curnow absent

- No report

FNDC: Deputy Mayor Tania McInnes absent

- No report

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery absent

- No report

Business Items:

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Tony Shi meeting with Wang Dong Legal Consultant Rowland Woods Legal

Deferred to next meeting

