

NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland MINUTES
for meeting of The Executive Board
to be held from 4.00pm 26th July 2016
at Chamber Boardroom, 7 Rust Ave, Whangarei

	Agenda Item	
	President welcomed the Board	
	PRESENT: Jeremy Tauri, Brett Donovan, Tony Shi, Paul Dunn, Cr Paul Dimery, Virginia Craig, Richard Booth, Danny Douglas, Tim Robinson, Tony Collins, Janette Dobbs.	
	APOLOGIES:	Cr Tricia Cutforth, Rob Meadows, Terry Sage, Laura Burns Moved/Seconded Tim/Tony S
	LATE ARRIVALS:	Ryan Welsh (4.10pm)
	EARLY LEAVERS:	
	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 Brett/Virginia
	FINANCE REPORT:	Danny highlighted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profit & Loss – Income up a little on previous year due to Awards income and timing of invoicing. Expenses up by \$10K due to Awards expenses (timing again) and 5 week pay schedule. • Membership – overall holding well, numbers are now up to date due to the completion of the new database. Tony advised that numbers are building and that resigned members are surveyed to find out reason for resignation. Moved/Seconded Paul D/Tony S
	CEO REPORT: Ryan Welsh arrived	Tony highlighted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards Entrant interest is pretty solid Sponsorship up on last year Update on situation with Kate, she will have a break of a couple of weeks then back on board. • Business Mentors New Zealand Chamber have the contract to provide this service, which is part of the formal contract with Northland Inc. Tony advised that we desperately need more mentors in the pool. A/P: Board to forward names through to Shelley of potential mentors. Moved/Seconded Jeremy/Tim

		<p>Tony Shi offered to help with anyone dealing with Chinese people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony gave an update on operational matters. 	
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TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ease of Business & Advocacy:	Moved /Seconded Paul D/Tim
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Councils have engaged with Chamber
Meeting held with WDC, NRC, Northland Inc and Chamber of Commerce. MOU with Chamber about what role the Chamber can play in businesses and enquiry coming to Northland.
Tony and Pete Gleeson putting something together for the MOU.

Ryan advised that he had met someone in Taupo who was looking at relocating to NZ from Mexico. An engineer developing different power systems. There were two questions

1. Could this industry be a good fit for Northland
2. Why was he unable to connect with anyone when he visited Whangarei

Frontline staff need to be fully aware of what help there is available for this type of enquiry – a go-to person.
Pete Gleeson from the landing Pad is there for the top part of the pyramid of potential investment in Northland. There needs to be some other point of contact. Potentially the Chamber.
Needs to be some sort of accountability if someone is referred within the councils.
Real estate agents, business brokers and banks also need to be part of path for these business opportunities.
A/P: Jeremy, Ryan and Tony are meeting next week and will distribute the notes from their meeting on this topic.

General Business:

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:	WDC: No report
	<p>NRC: Paul highlighted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local government amendment act – is looking at another way of getting single unitary authorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council appointed by government and elected Councillors may only be able to set rates. ○ CCO are working but councillors don't have control. ○ No appetite for aggregated councils in New Zealand. ○ Government looking at 12 councils – 12 regions of NZ • Summer Safe Carparks – theft is down by 50% they are up for the Community Initiative Award • Te Tai Tokerau Maori Advisory Committee is under review <p>A/P: Board to email Paul Dimery with any comments</p>
	<p>KDC: Richard highlighted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity Authority – Transmission pricing review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New pricing model would mean an extra \$16m cost to Northlanders, but would affect Auckland and parts of Southland as well. ○ Northpower, Top Energy are submitting and encouraging Councils to submit too.

