

**NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland MINUTES**  
**for meeting of The Executive Board**  
**to be held from 4.00pm 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016**  
**at Chamber Boardroom, 7 Rust Ave, Whangarei**

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|                    | <b>Agenda Item</b>  |   |
|                    | <b>President welcomed the Board</b>   |   |
|                    | <b>PRESENT:</b> Jeremy Tauri, Terry Sage, Tim Robinson, Cr Paul Dimery, Danny Douglas, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Murray Broadbelt, Richard Booth, Wayne Roycroft, Rob Meadows, Tony Collins, Janette Dobbs. |   |
|                    | <b>APOLOGIES:</b>   | Virginia Craig, Paul Dunn<br><b>Moved/Seconded<br/>Jeremy/Tim</b>   |
|                    | <b>LATE ARRIVALS:</b>   | Ryan Welsh (4.04pm), Tony Shi (4.07pm)  |
|                    | <b>EARLY LEAVERS:</b>   |   |
|                    | <b>CONFLICTS:</b>   | <i>No conflicts notified</i>  |
|                    | <b>H&amp;S REVIEW</b>   | <i>Nothing to report</i>  |
| Ryan Welsh arrived | <b>PREVIOUS MINUTES:</b>  | <i>Taken a true and correct</i><br><b>Moved/Seconded<br/>Murray/Jeremy</b>  |
| Tony Shi arrived   | <b>FINANCE REPORT:</b>  | <b>Danny highlighted the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Revenue</b> – doing well</li> <li>• <b>Profit &amp; Loss</b> – Business to Business Publication included which wasn't in previous year's income. Seminar &amp; functions up from last year. Awards up a little from last year. Expenses holding YTD.</li> <li>• <b>Receivables</b> – under control</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b> – holding steady</li> </ul> <b>Moved/Seconded<br/>Jeremy/Murray</b>   |
|                    | <b>CEO REPORT:</b>  | <b>Tony highlighted the following:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Laura Burns resignation</b></li> </ul> <b>Motion:</b> “that Laura Burns resignation be formally acknowledged”<br><p style="text-align: right;"><b>Moved Tim/Seconded Murray<br/>Carried</b></p> <p>The Board acknowledged and thanked Laura for the time and effort she put in as a Board member of the Chamber.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MBIE Roadshow</b><br/>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September successful event approx. 100 attendees. Hon Craig Foss happy with response and looking at possibly holding one</li> </ul> <b>Moved/Seconded<br/>Jeremy/Rob</b> |

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|  |  | <p>in Far North in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meet the candidates Mayoral meeting</b><br/>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September - well attended</li> <li>• <b>Innovate Northland Event</b><br/>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, finalists announced</li> <li>• <b>Awards Entrant Networking Evening</b><br/>Next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• <b>Awards</b> - tickets have been sold out – even though there are less entrants businesses are buying more tickets.</li> <li>• <b>Membership</b><br/>Has climbed partly due to Ricoh sponsorship<br/>Tony gave overview of the businesses that make up the Chamber membership<br/><b>A/P: Janette to produce a breakdown of membership from Pivotal</b></li> <li>• <b>Shane Reti</b><br/>Tony met with Shane – one of the things he is doing at present is working with Korean businesses. Tony Shi advised that there have been issues in the Chinese business community with food outlets receiving poor ratings from WDC partly due to the language barrier, a staff member had previously spoken Chinese and could explain. Tricia advised that the Food Safety system has changed and new staff have come on. Citizen Advice Bureau now has the contract to provide settlement support.<br/>Tony has asked Auckland Chamber about help for businesses who have English as a second language.</li> </ul> |  |
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**TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Ease of Business & Advocacy:**

**Moved /Seconded  
Jeremy/Ryan**

- Ryan advised that the team is furthering the discussion about the EoB document and attracting business.
- A workshop will be held on the Strategic plan and how to measure strategic goals.  
**A/P: Janette to arrange wine crackers and cheese for the meeting**
- Jeremy advised he had been contacted by a business looking at relocating to Northland – IT business 30 employees
- Tony is meeting with Rob Forlong this week and will have ongoing monthly meetings with Shane Reti and Rob Forlong

**General Business:**

**COUNCIL  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORTS:**

**WDC:** Cr Tricia highlighted the following

- Last meeting of council for this term on Thursday
- Now have clear criteria to assess when new footpaths are put in. In the past staff had made the decision based on who petitioned the most. Now take in to account petitions along with needs of the community and wider criteria.
- Kamo shared cycleway – tender is out – to start in November
- Kensington/Nixon intersection to be completed by December
- WDC Annual plan is out early this year

Tricia thanked the Board, saying she has enjoyed Chamber meetings

**NRC:** Cr Paul Dimery highlighted the following

- Paul advised that until 3 years ago there had been no planning for roading
- Regional Road Safety Update – 23 deaths this year compared with 13 last year. Paul asked that the Chamber ask questions regarding compliance. Direct these to District Commissioner about what can be done to help with resources.
- New Regional plan out – consultations going well. Main questions around burning off silage, not many questions around fencing waterways (this is half funded by NRC)
- Annual report is out

Paul thanked all, good to see a new perspective.

**KDC:** Richard highlighted the following

- Final council meeting held
- Major items
  - Taharoa Reserve management plan
  - Annual plan signed off
  - Unqualified audit report
  - New waste water policy to allow council to monitor septic systems in high risk areas
  - Place making plan for Dargaville – recommended amount to be used for face lift
  - Mangawhai – initiated a town planning group – will have a town plan in the future
  - Notified change for fire – will go to the environment court
  - Ongoing saga regarding rates demands – on NRC not KDC at present
  - Election – good field of candidates

Richard wished that Chamber all the best for the future

The Board thanked all of the Council representative for their input and insights. And wished them all well for the future.

**Business Items:**

