

NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland MINUTES
for meeting of The Executive Board
held from 4.00pm 28^h February 2017
at the Orchard – Poipoi Meeting room, 85 Cameron St, Whangarei

	Agenda Item	
	President welcomed the Board, a special welcome to Deputy Mayor Tania McInnes to her first meeting	
	PRESENT: Jeremy Tauri, Danny Douglas, Tony Collins, Janette Dobbs, Virginia Craig, Rob Meadows, Wayne Roycroft, Deputy Mayor Tania McInnes, Cr Anna Curnow, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Paul Dunn.	
	APOLOGIES:	Cr Paul Dimery, Terry Sage, Ryan Welsh, Murray Broadbelt, Brett Donovan
	LATE ARRIVALS:	Tony Shi (4.03pm)
	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>
Tony Shi arrived	FINANCE REPORT:	<p>Danny highlighted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January usually quiet ○ Variation in Contract income due to timings ○ Financials to year end looking good - \$19K up compared with 2015 • Membership – up again <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Combination of Ricoh and The Orchard ○ New start-ups keen on mentors ○ Membership reflects Northland business overall – largely owner operators and businesses with 1-3 FTE.
	CEO REPORT:	<p>Tony outlined his new report which he will cover at upcoming meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of membership engagements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 • Engagement with public and private sector

Danny left		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engaged with Kelvin Davis and Shane Reti already this year ○ Number of meetings already with councils ● Business Mentors New Zealand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13 mentees and 2 new mentors ● Regional Business Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On-going referrals ● Media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comments to media about skilled labour and business confidence ● Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 BA5 events so far ○ Hundertwasser event tomorrow evening ○ BA5 for Marsden Maritime Holdings and Northport in March at Marsden Point 	
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TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS:		Moved /Seconded Jeremy/Rob
Ease of Business & Advocacy:		

<p><u>Ease of Business</u> No meetings held Continual progress behind the scenes</p> <p>A/P: Follow up with Pete Gleeson (Landing Pad) regarding progress on referrals made in last couple of months</p> <p>Noted that tourists are asking about potential jobs available – high level</p> <p>Submission made again from the Chamber on behalf of Northpower to Electricity authority</p> <p><u>Advocacy</u> NZ Chamber of Commerce is developing a manifesto for upcoming election</p> <p>Tony Savage standing as Labour candidate for Whangarei</p>

General Business:	
COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:	<p>WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth highlighted the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Big meeting held this year ● Dust management of Wright Rd – NZTA has put funding towards upgrade ● Mill/Nixon just about finished – another \$300K spend due to unforeseen maintenance required ● Comprehensive rate review to take place – not done since 2012 ● No Annual plan – focus will be on Long Term Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open days to engage with public – June/July

KDC: Cr Anna Curnow highlighted the following

- Easter trading – to go ahead. Decision has been left to shop owners and their staff and customers
- Feedback on changes to Kai Iwi Lakes – local retail spend has dropped due to Water Ski club members not around
- Minor changes to the Annual and Long Term plans will be consulted on.
- Library is one of the items – option may include new building
- Please with UFB result
- Mangawhai growing at a crazy rate along with to a lesser extent Mangaturoto and Paparoa – looking at District plan to match future needs
- Contributing to the regional cycling and walking strategy

FNDC: Deputy Mayor Tania McInnes highlighted the following

- Looking at clarity on Economic development
- Visioning for District and Region. Tania leads Te Manawatoopu initiative
- Things are starting to align with the 42 communities in the Far North District
- Cr Greg Innes (WDC) and Tania are part of the LGNZ Strategic Policy Group – a chance to talk about Northland
- Bumper tourism season – nearly ran out of water, causing concern of fire risk
- Coast to Coast cycle trail has opened – 87km spectacular views and scenery
- Ngawha Industrial Park – now back on board
- Dust – Far North remit to government was accepted
- Be smart where the direct of Economic development goes – train educate in own back yard.
- New CEO starting in March (Shaun Clarke) has no local government experience so has been on a month long program for him to benchmark against other councils. Previous experience in NZ Air Force. Looking for leadership skills for the CEO position
- Demarcation zones – Kaitaia and Kaikohe – need to look at different terms

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery absent

No report

Business Items:

Item 1

AGM – 8th March 5.00pm

A/P: Janette to send out invitation to the Board

Item 2

Chinese Business Association

- Working with WDC to establish Sister city relationships in China
- 5 cities identified 40 million population – all interested
- Mayor Sheryl Mai will take to council for approval
- Platform for culture exchange, education

A/P: Tony S is putting together a proposal which he will table at the next Board meeting

