



MINUTES

Huron Chamber of Commerce – Goderich, Central and North Huron
 Annual General Meeting
 Thursday Feb. 2, 2023
 7:30 am at Harbour Hill Retirement Community

Voting Attendance: Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward of Compass Minerals, Treasurer Sierra Burt of Takalo and Burt Professional Accountants, Director Jodi Snell, of Jodi Snell Royal LePage, Director Carolynne Champagne of Shore to Please Summer House, Director Tom Williscraft of Blackburn Media, Emma Bartz of Orr Insurance, Mark Bennett of Harbour Hill Retirement Community, Mayor Myles Murdock of Town of Goderich, CAO Janice Hallahan of Town of Goderich, Kimberley Payne of Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation, Dave Tiffin of Wingham BIA, Ralph Rubino of Heart to Heart Financial Inc., Mark Bugdale of Impact Group Graphics and Communications, Patrick Donnelly of Libro Credit Union, Melanie Lalonde of Main Street Credit Union, Michael Ferguson of Norman Pickell Lawyer (1) and Jeff Roy of Excalibur Insurance Group.

Staff: Operations Manager Heather Boa.

Non-voting Attendance: Deputy Mayor Trevor Bazinet of Town of Goderich, Councillor Randy Carroll of Town of Goderich, Joe Carter of Chamber Group Insurance, Meredith Bugdale of Impact Group Graphics and Communications, Doreen Walsh of Main Street Credit Union.

Assigned Proxies: WRB Communications Company, Goderich Port Management Corp., MacEwan & Feagan Insurance, Bayfield Berry Farm, Huron Commodities, Tribute Studios, Goderich Honda, Goderich Toyota to Jennifer Verdam-Woodward; Robinson’s Maple Products, Cravings to Emma Bartz; Royal LePage Heartland Realty and NV Fitness Conditioning Inc. to Jodi Snell; and Bruce Power and Community Futures Goderich to Tom Williscraft.

Call to Order	Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward called the meeting to order at 7:45 am
Keynote Speakers	Claudia Dessanti, Senior Manager and Daniel Stefayeni, Vice President, Policy, Ontario Chamber of Commerce outlined the work of the policy team at the provincial level and the areas where local Chambers may get involved, such as roundtables. Mayor Myles Murdock brought greetings from the Town.
Recognition of dignitaries	Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward welcomed Mayor Myles Murdock, Deputy Mayor Trevor Bazinet, Councillor Randy Carroll and CAO Janice Hallahan, all from the Town of Goderich.
Approval of Agenda	Motion: T. Williscraft / E. Bartz moved to approve the agenda for the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Feb. 2, 2023 as circulated.

	Carried
Approval of Minutes	Motion: C. Champagne / E. Bartz moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 Annual General Meeting. Carried
Chair's Report	Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward highlighted the successes of the Chamber in the past year, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical low of Accounts Receivable outstanding; • 10% increase in membership, with focus on Clinton, Blyth and Wingham; • Banner events Spirit of Success and Mayor's Luncheon returned to sold-out live events; • Returned to live BA5 events, hosted by eight of our members, with networking opportunities; • Managed the Roger Brooks destinations recovery project, with the marketing guru's recommendations dominating tourism funding applications, and; • Continued relationships with Economic Development boards in North Huron, Town of Goderich, and Downtown Goderich BIA.
Operations Manager's Report	Operations Manager Heather Boa outlined the key objectives established at a board strategy session in October 2022, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will continue growth in 2022/2023 fiscal year, focusing on Blyth & Wingham; • Maintain an engaged board of Directors, representative of membership; • Continue representing Huron Chamber of Commerce on the Ontario Chamber Network and Canadian Chamber of Commerce; • Grow the networking opportunities: Spirit of Success, Mayor's Luncheon, Charity Golf Tournament, BA5; • Look for opportunities to host information sessions, such at the Net Zero Panel Discussion (now May 4), breakfasts with thought leaders, and; • Publish the popular Business directory in partnership with the Town of Goderich, providing local residents, cottagers and visitors with a print listing of local businesses and services.
Treasurer's Report	Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward presented the financial report on behalf of former Treasurer Tabatha Fisher and Acting Treasurer Sierra Burt, including profit and loss report and balance sheet. There was a profit of \$10,391.44. Motion: T. Williscraft / J. Snell to receive the Treasurer's Report as presented.

	Carried
2022 – 2023 Budget	<p>The 2022/2023 budget was presented by Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward.</p> <p>Motion: J. Hallahan / K. Payne to approve the 2022/2023 budget.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Nominations Committee	<p>Nominating Committee member H. Boa presents the current board members one of whom will serve another year in his two-year term. In addition, she introduced nominations for officers for a one-year term and nominations for directors for a two-year term.</p> <p>Motion: J. Roy / E. Bartz to elect board officers for a one-year term: Past Chair John Peet, MicroAge Basics; Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward, Compass Minerals; Vice-Chair Tabatha Fisher, Libro Credit Union; Treasurer Sierra Burt, Takalo and Burt Chartered Accountants; Secretary Heather Boa, Operations Manager, Huron Chamber of Commerce – Goderich, Central and North Huron (non-voting). And to elect board directors for a two-year term: Ralph Rubino, Heart to Heart Financial Inc.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
Comments from the floor	There were none
Adjournment	<p>Chair Jennifer Verdam-Woodward declares the meeting adjourned at 8:57 am</p> <p>Motion: T. Williscraft / K. Payne to adjourn the meeting of the 2023 AGM at 8:57 am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
	<p>THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING XXXX</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Heather Boa – Secretary</p>