



**GABRIOLA
ISLAND
CHAMBER**

**GABRIOLA ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VIRTUAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | MINUTES**

DATE: Feb 7, 2024 at 7:00pm | LOCATION: Gabriola Agricultural Co-Operative Hall

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*We acknowledge that this meeting is on the unceded territory of Snuneymuxw First Nation,
known as Gabriola.*

In Attendance

Chamber Members

Graham E Bradley

Jen Demler

Hugh Skinner

DeAnna McCarthy

Warren Campbell

Jillian O'Hara

Catherine Hallam

Brock Poesiat

Glenys Bussler

Randi Simonovic

Lynda Toves

Anne Poschmann

Christine Taylor

David Mumford

Derek Kilbourn

Max Cossette

Brin Jackson

Tiffany Engst

Tiffani Epperson-Reeve

Chris Rombough

Laura Clark

Adam Paul

Simon Can

Randi Simonovic

GUESTS

John Woods
Brendalee Astells
Murray Anderson
Preston Hayden
Nichole Poynter
Vanessa Craig
Kelsey Pringle

Margot Fedoruk
Maude Gouin
Doug Scott
Ben Sams
Glen (Island Meat and Deli)
Devilliers van Zyl

STAFF

Erin Udal
Lottie Stone Anderson

1. Call Meeting to Order 7:05 PM

Introduction of the Gabriola Chamber of Commerce was presented by Graham Bradley, Chamber President

The Land Acknowledgement was offered by Graham Bradley, Chamber President

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

Moved: Anne Poschmann - Gabriola Arts Council

Seconded: Randi Simonovic - Clean Slate Home Care

CARRIED

3. Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes from February 9, 2023

Motion to accept the Minutes of the February 9th, 2023, 2022 Annual General Meeting as presented

Moved: Warren Campbell - Gabriola Taxi

Seconded: Simon Can - Gabriola Golf Club

CARRIED

4. New Members to the Chamber

Motion to approve the following new Members for the Chamber:

Arbutus Home Building Centre
Brock Poesiat Software Solutions
Clean Slate
Cresta Roca Farm
Crow's Feet Studios
Ferne Hollow
Fernehaven Consulting Inc.
Function Interior Design
Gabriola Health Care Foundation
Gabriola Reflexology Ananda Wellness
Gabriola Theatre Centre
GO Medical Training
Grazyna Wolski
James Strobl Construction Ltd
Martin Velsen Real Estate Team
MDR Marine Transport
Mid Island Co-op
Opal Jewellery Studio
PearlsandPoets Editing and Communications
Point 6 Acre
Sarah Chiasson Flowers
The Hole in the Wall Morning Brew
Trusted Coverage
Tuck Shop
Vintage Sign Projects
WPDoneWright.com

Moved: Jen Demler - Ground Up Cafe and Catering

Seconded: DeAnna McCarthy - Kayan Custom Homes

CARRIED

5. President's Report

Graham Bradly, GICC President, presented a high level detailed summary of 2023 Year in

Review, and an acknowledgment and appreciation of the efforts and contributions of the members of the Board, the volunteers, staff and contractors on behalf of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Gabriola Island Visitor Centre. A link to the presentation can be found below.

Graham acknowledged and thanked the following members of the Board of Directors who will not be returning:

Carol Ferguson - Gabriola Arts Council
DeAnna McCarthy - Kayan Custom Homes

[AGM Slide Presentation](#)

Motion to accept the President's Report as presented

Moved: DeAnna McCarthy - Kayan Custom Homes

Seconded: Catherine Hallam - Free Spirit Gallery

CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report - View [DRAFT FINANCIALS](#)

Erin Udal, GICC Executive Director, presented a detailed summary of the 2023 Financial Statements, which can be viewed in the link above.

1.1 A question was posed from the floor by DeAnna McCarthy (Kayan Custom Homes) asking if the Chamber had taken advantage of the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) rebate from funds received during COVID. The member was advised that while we had been able to take advantage of the rebate offered, but, as the repayment of the CEBA loan did not take place until January 2024, it would therefore not be recognized until the 2024 Financial Summary.

Motion to accept the Financial Report and reviewed 2023 Year End Financial Statements as presented

Moved: DeAnna McCarthy - Kayan Custom Homes

Seconded: Lynda Toews - Fern Hollow

CARRIED

Motion to appoint Johnson and Johnson and Associates as the Gabriola Chamber of Commerce accountants and the reviewer of the 2024 year end Financial Statements

Moved: Tiffani Epperson-Reeve - Function Interior Design

Seconded: Brock Poesiat - Brock Poesiat Software Solutions

CARRIED

7. IED Report

Erin Udal , Executive Director of the GICC, presented a high-level summary of Chamber Operations, Gabriola Tourism and Marketing Initiatives as shown in the link found in Item 5 of this agenda.

1.1 Question from the floor - Simon Can - Gabriola Golf and Country Club, requested further explanation of plans to develop nonprofit collaborative supports. Erin commented that at present there are 58 nonprofits on Gabriola. Most of these nonprofits require huge volunteer efforts and as a result have vulnerabilities. When assessing the roles and support these nonprofit provide, as a sector, nonprofits on Gabriola are one of the larger employer groups within our community. By working to develop support systems, both organizational and administrative, across the nonprofit sector we can make effort to encourage stability and resilience to these vital components of our community.

1.2 Question from the floor - ??? - A request for further explanation of the Island MBA Program. Erin explained that the name of the project would likely change to be more representative of the intention of the project. We currently have funding for only Phase 1 of the proposed plan, with no guarantees of funding for further Phases of the project. However, Phase 1 is to identify various gaps in sectors at present and in the future, and to report on these gaps and then pursue further grant funding support. Graham commented that we have been developing connections and support from Provincial government organizations who help identify and suggest what available grants are suitable for us. While there is no guarantee that we will receive further funding for subsequent phases of the skills and acumen project, we do have the support from provincial government bodies towards future applications.

Moved: Brock Poesiat - Brock Poesiat Software Solutions

Seconded: Jill O'Hara - CCCU

CARRIED

8. Election of Directors

- a. Motion to nominate new officers and directors from the floor
- Max Cossette - The Tuck Shop
 - Laura Peloquin - Gabriola Meat and Deli
 - David Mumford - Trusted Coverage

Moved: Brock Poesiat - Brock Poesiat Software Solutions
Seconded: Jill O'Hara - Coastal Community Credit Union
CARRIED

b. Motion to elect the Directors as nominated in advance:

President	Graham Bradley <i>Good Earth Farm, Gabriola Food Hub</i>
Vice-President	
Treasurer	Jillian OHara <i>Coastal Community Credit Union</i>
Secretary	Maria Malmgren <i>Change Works</i>
Director	Jen Demler <i>Ground Up</i>
Director	Glenys Bussler <i>Go Medical Training</i>
Director	Catherine Hallam <i>Free Spirit Gallery Studio</i>
Director	Brock Poesiat <i>Brock Poesiat Software Solutions</i>
Director	Adam Paul <i>Tait Road Farm - Cooperative</i>

Moved: Jen Demler - Ground Up Cafe and Catering
Seconded: Catherine Hallam - Free Spirit Gallery
CARRIED

9. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7.51 pm

Moved: Derek Kilborn - Gabriola Sounder Media
Seconded: Max Cossette
CARRIED