

2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 31, 2022
Hybrid Meeting, Virtual (Zoom)
In-Person, Explorer Hotel, Yellowknife NT

1. Call to Order

Jennifer Phillips, NWT Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, called on President Yanik D'Aigle to call the meeting to order at 11:35 am. Quorum was confirmed.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for consideration. Jenni Bruce moved to approve the agenda. Sean Crowell Seconds. All in Favor None Opposed. **Motion AGM22.01 Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the 2019 AGM were presented for approval. Adrian Bell moved to approve the Minutes. Jenni Bruce seconds. All in Favor None Opposed. **Motion AGM22.02 Carried.**

5. President's Report

Yanik D'Aigle presented the President's Report, highlighting:

"I would like to thank everyone for attending today and, as always, appreciate everything that you do for the economy in the Northwest Territories. It was a unique year for the NWT Chamber as we navigated one of the most challenging times that many of us have faced in our lifetimes.

The pandemic created challenges for us all, and it was a bumpy ride. I was proud to be a part of the business community as I watched us all come together to support each other, and the daily adaptation and innovation from northerners was inspiring to watch.

We appreciated the communication from Minister Wawzonek's office and other departments, including ITI and the Covid Secretariat. At times, the process was frustrating for us all as government tends to moves at a different pace than the private sector but as long as we keep talking to each other, improvements happen.

We were able to get out to Hay River and Fort Simpson for their Chamber AGM, and when pandemic measures relax, the NWT Chamber looks forward to getting back to visiting all communities in the future. I was touched by the warm welcome we received in Hay River and Fort Simpson and look forward to visiting there and other communities again in my personal time.

I was appointed to the position of Co-Chair of the Business Advisory Council to work with ITI on the recovery of the business community through the pandemic. We were able to release a document with our recommendations for recovery, and the GNWT created a website for communication to the public. The greatest success of this council was the networking and relationships formed with the council members, and I see these lasting well past the pandemic.

This is my final year as President of the NWT Chamber of Commerce, and I will be stepping down from the board of Directors. As I reflect on my time with the board, I am proud to say I was a part of it. We were able to rebuild the association, which was due to the contributions from our board members and our regular members. I would like to thank you all for your participation and the volunteer time that you commit to advancing the NWT economy.

I would like to give a special thank you to Renee Comeau, our Executive director. Renee has been tireless in her efforts to make sure that the business community is top of mind in any government relations and has a true passion when it comes to representing our members. She truly represents what it means to be a voice for the private sector, and none of our success would be possible without her. Her door is always open to speak with anyone that has an issue, and she has a genuine affection for the Northwest Territories.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last two years and look forward to participating as a regular member.”

Newton Grey moved to accept the President’s Report. Mike Scott Seconds. All in Favor None Opposed. **Motion AGM21.03 Carried.**

6. Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Newton Gray presented the Treasurer’s report and 2021 financial statements prepared by Crowe MacKay.

A significant dip in corporate donations. Increased membership dues helped. Expenses significantly higher. Each passing week we are learning how to cope with COVID-19.

“This board listens to people’s concerns and I would like to thanks you all.

“Thanks for sharing challenges with us and to assist us.

“I would like to personally thank all of our sponsors and members for their continued support of the NWT Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to all of you; with your continued support, we can continue to advocate on behalf of the business community across all 33 communities of the NWT.”

Jenni Bruce moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Mike Scott Seconds.
1 abstain All in Favor None Opposed. **Motion AGM22.04 Carried.**

8. Nominating Committee Report

Yanik, President presented the slate of nominees for the membership to consider and opened the floor for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor.

9. Election of 2020/2021 Board of Directors

Yanik presented the NWT Chamber of Commerce slate of candidates for the Executive, all of whom are members in good standing of the NWT Chamber of Commerce.

President: Yanik D’Aigle
1st Vice President: Lee Cawson
2nd Vice President: Sean Cowell
Treasurer: Newton Grey
Secretary: Lee Dawson
Past President: Trevor Wever

Executive was approved by the Board via board **Motion 2022-BM13-5** passed on May 19th, 2021 Sean Crowell moved to approve Executive slate. Mike Scott Seconded.

Yanik D’Aigle presented the NWT Chamber of Commerce slate of candidates for the Board, all of whom are members in good standing of the NWT Chamber of Commerce.

John Henderson, CFO Det’on Cho Corporation
Mike Scott, Owner 6143 NWT Ltd.
Mark Brajer, COO Tlich Investment Corporation and Group of Companies
Wally Schumann, Sr Advisor on Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Arctic Canadian Diamond Company
Myrna Pokiak, Business Manager, Paul Bros/Nextreme
Jeremy Dixon, McLennan Ros
Sean Crowell moved to elect the slate of Board Members as presented.

Mike Scott seconded. All in Favor, None Opposed. **Motion AGM22. 6 Carried.**

1p0. Adjournment

John Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12.02 pm.

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