



# MINUTES OF THE TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 28, 2024 AT 3:30 PM OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

PRESENT: VOTING:

Dan Proulx, Great Vernon Chamber of Commerce

Cassandra Zerebeski, Ski

**Mayor Cumming** 

Janine Collard, Attractions

Clara Snedden, Accommodation Provider, Chair

Shawna Patenaude, Arts & Culture Rebecca Barton, Arts & Culture

Councillor Durning, Council Appointed
Jessica Dowswell, Accommodation Provider

**NON-VOTING:** 

Ian Jenkins, Silver Star Mountain Resort

ABSENT: Claus Larsen, Accommodation Provider

Peter Kaz, Downtown Vernon Association

Kris Fuller, Sports & Events Gerran Thorhaug, Restaurant

**STAFF**: Torrie Silverthorn, Manager, Tourism

Karen Savill, Visitor Services Coordinator Hanna Lucich, Tourism Marketing Coordinator Hilary Irvine, Tourism Marketing Coordinator Gemma Patterson, Administrative Assistant Shawn Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing Jennifer Pounder, Records/Committee Clerk

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT As Chair of the City of Vernon's Tourism Commission, and in the spirit

of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by D. Proulx, seconded by J. Collard:

THAT the agenda of the November 28, 2024 Tourism

Commission meeting be adopted.

## **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by J. Collard, seconded by C. Zerebeski:

THAT the minutes of the October 23, 2024 Tourism Commission meeting be adopted.

#### **CARRIED**

# **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**MANAGERS UPDATE** 

Manager, Tourism, provided an update to the Committee that entailed the framework for the 2025 Annual Plan.

FUTURE MEETING TIMES

Discussion was had on future meeting scheduling times. T. Silverthorn will distribute a poll to members and bring the results to the next scheduled meeting.

**HOLIDAY MIXER** 

The Tourism Commission Holiday Mixer is planned for December 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at Eatology.

ROUNDTABLE

A roundtable discussion was held.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**NEXT MEETING** 

The next meeting for the Tourism Commission is set for December 8, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting of the Tourism Commission adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:** 

Chair