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**Minutes**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
October 20, 2007  
Watson Lake Ski Chalet, Yukon  
3:00 pm– 4:30 pm**

**Present:**

**Accredited Voting Delegates:**

Dave Kalles, Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Ruth Wilkinson, Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce and Southern Lakes - Proxy  
Bill Bowie, Dawson City Chamber of Commerce and Silver Trail - Proxy  
Helen Bowie, Dawson City Chamber of Commerce

**Non-Voting Delegates:**

Rob McIntyre, Access Consulting Group	Bruno Bourdache, Director-RDEE
Michael Brandt, White Pass & Yukon Route	Patti McLeod, Association of Yukon Communities
Andy Stouffer, Northwestel Inc	Darrell Pasloski, Shopper Drug Mart
Jim Holt, Holt Agencies Insurance Ltd.	Nancy Moore, Mayor – Town of Watson Lake
Ray Wells, V/P Northwestel	Phil Borgel, Yukon Electric
Joe Bradley, Indian and Northern Affairs	Donald Inverarity, MLA Porter Creek South
Christine Doke, Yukon Engineering Services	Terry Weninger, President, Yukon College
Wayne McLennan, First Nation Bank	Clarence Timmons, Chair, Yukon College
Dave Austin, President & CEO	Larry Bagnell, Member of Parliament
Steve Cardiff, NDP, MLA	Rachelle Lewis, RL Consulting
Cassandra Ostlund, Whitehorse Chamber	

**1. Call to Order:**

Rob McIntyre called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

**2. Approval of the Agenda from October 20, 2007:**

Agenda approved as presented

Moved by Bill Bowie

Seconded by Ruth Wilkinson

**3. Approval of the Minutes from October 21, 2006:**

Minutes approved as presented

*Yukon Chamber of Commerce... A collective voice for Yukon business!*

Moved by Cassandra Ostlund

Seconded by Christine Doke

#### **4. Chair's Report:**

Rob McIntyre reviewed the Chair's Report. Referenced attached report.

#### **5. Financial Report:** Wayne McLennan reported

- Program Revenue is down
- Lacking prior year information

**ACTION:** Change the AGM date or the Year End date.

Moved by Wayne McLennan

Seconded by: Dave Kalles

**6. President's Report:** Dave Austin reported on a consolidation of President's Reports submitted for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2006. Reference Report attached.

#### **7. Community Reports:**

##### **7.1) Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce:**

- YCA looked at forestry, where do we go from here?
- Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce commended regarding the WCB issues.
- Economy – freight and power are the main factors living in a rural community.

##### **7.2) Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce:**

- It is up to the Government to decide regarding the TILMA issue and at this time the Yukon Government is in the investigative process.
- Victim's Services Trust Fund has approved an application for the Chamber and the Business Crime Prevention Committee to hire a project coordinator to assist business and the community with crime prevention initiatives.
- Urban Visitors Sign Program is an excellent opportunity to highlight your business to all Alaska Highway drivers.

##### **7.3) Dawson Chamber of Commerce:**

- Declining image, as only 3 community chambers participate
- Preparation of the strategic planning exercise is positive.
- Mining Exploration, is vibrant there is a lot happening.
- The Klondike Spirit has acquired new owners and will be doing river tours.
- Very pro-active with the new sawmill being built in Dawson
- Tourism was up but starved for workers.

#### **8. Call for Nominations, Election of Officers:**

Chamber President, Dave Austin called three times for nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. All of the individuals identified on the slate of potential candidates were elected by acclamation:

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Chair:	Rob McIntyre, Access Consulting Group.
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:	Michael Brandt, White Pass & Yukon Route.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:	Jerome Babyn, Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.
Treasurer:	Wayne McLennan, First Nations Bank of Canada.
Vice Chair at Large:	Christine Doke, Yukon Engineering Services Inc.
Secretary:	Andy Stouffer, Northwestel Inc.

Moved by Rob McIntyre

Seconded by Michael Brandt



## 9. Business Arising: Resolutions

9.1) Eligibility for Municipal Voting – Dawson City Chamber of Commerce

**Whereas**, members of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce have expressed concerns that they cannot vote in the Municipal Elections of Dawson City; where they have businesses, based on their residency being outside of municipal boundaries.

**Whereas**, residents of other Yukon areas have also expressed concerns that they cannot vote in the Municipal Elections of the communities where their services and businesses are centered, based on their residency being outside of municipal boundaries.

**And whereas**, it has been brought to the attention of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce that there are several alternate models of voter eligibility used in other jurisdictions across Canada that could be adopted in Yukon that would not include municipal boundary expansions.

**Therefore, be it Resolved that**, the Yukon Chamber of Commerce on behalf of all Yukon Community Chambers of Commerce urges the Association of Yukon Communities and the Government of Yukon to investigate changes to Municipal Voting Eligibility.

**ACTION:** This resolution will be kept on agenda until completed

**ACTION:** Find a solution

**Dave**

## 10. New Business: Ray Wells reported for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce

- The Canadian Chamber had a quality AGM
- This is Ray's 5<sup>th</sup> year on the Board.
- There has been a staff turn over also at the CCC.
- Labour shortage is a number one concern
- 57 resolutions passed at the AGM
- The CCC supports the trade agreement between Alberta and B.C.
- Ray thanks for time out to participate in chamber activities.
- Resolutions go in 6 months in advance: (a) goes to the policy group review (b) then to the floor.
- Bids can go in for the Canadian Chambers next AGM.

## 11. Resolutions: Labour Challenge

- The Minister of Education is to address the labour issue.
- Ray Wells put forward a Proposed Resolution

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**ACTION:** Type a copy of the proposed resolution

**Lorna**

**ACTION:** Send a copy to delegates

**Lorna**

## **12. Next Annual General Meeting 2008:**

- Prepare an AGM Bid Package – the host chamber has to live up to it. There is a need of out of town opportunities to bid.
- This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM

## **Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 pm**

Moved by Dave Kalles

Seconded by: Cassandra Ostlund