



KIMBERLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR CHAMBER BOARD?

Here are Our Answers to
Frequently Asked
Questions:



ORGANIZATION'S PURPOSE

Q: May I have a copy of the mission statement and strategic plan? You want to ensure you agree with the mission, vision, values and work of the organization. And you want to know there's a roadmap for the board and staff so the Board won't wander from issue to issue.

A: The Kimberley & District Chamber of Commerce (the "Chamber") has a mission and strategic plan that helps guide the organization. The Chamber is an organization that represents the business community and performs a leadership role in the promotion, development, growth and prosperity of business in our community by:

- Providing information and resources to new and existing businesses
- Coordinating networking and educational opportunities for business
- Advocating on behalf of the local business community as the "voice" of our business community
- Promoting local businesses to residents and visitors through the Visitor Centre and other means
- Offering service benefits to members of the Chamber of Commerce
- Partnering with other groups and organizations to work together on joint initiatives
- Recognizing leaders in the local community

FINANCES

Q: What is the annual budget, what are the major sources of revenue? Is there an audit of the funds? You want to know that the organization has sufficient resources and whether it is dependent on grants and that funds are well accounted for.

A: The main source of revenue for the Chamber's operations comes from the proceeds of an annual event, JulyFest, which is organized and managed by the Chamber. The Chamber also applies for various grants throughout the year to support events and specific projects. The Board sets an annual budget before the start of each fiscal year. An auditor is appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting to complete a review engagement.



VISION

The Kimberley & District Chamber of Commerce is the "the Voice" of Kimberley business.



MISSION

The Kimberley & District Chamber of Commerce performs a leadership role in the promotion, development, growth and prosperity of business in our community.

WE'RE PLEASED YOU'RE CONSIDERING JOINING US!

Board service is rewarding. You get to play an active role in advancing the mission and goals of a valuable non-profit organization.

EXPECTATIONS

Q: How frequent and long are meetings? How long is the term of office? Will there be an orientation of the Board and access to information? Are meetings in person or can they be attended by other means (Zoom, phone)? Are there added expectations? Will you have to serve on committees or raise funds or engage in political activities? Does the board get reimbursed for anything? You want to know you will have the information needed to be a good board member, how much you'll have to read and how much time will be required.

A: The Board holds monthly meetings, usually on the second Monday of each month. Meetings usually run from 1.5-2 hours and presently are held at 6:00 pm. Meetings can also be attended by telephone or electronic means if the Board member cannot be there in person or prefers to join electronically. The term of office is two years. The board positions are staggered, so that not all of the terms end in the same year. Many of our Board members find the commitment rewarding and stay on beyond their two-year term. The Board is empowered to set up specific committees (i.e. Governance Committee, JulyFest committee) to support its activities. Board members also take part in strategic plan reviews and do their best to attend and participate in Chamber events, such as Business Beers, golf tournaments and other networking events, the Annual General Meeting, JulyFest, Platzl Light Up, etc. Further community presence at non-Chamber events is also appreciated (i.e. First Saturdays, Marysville Daze, etc.). Board members are not expected to pay for anything, and they are not financially compensated for Board membership. If they do expense something as part of a Board expectation, they are reimbursed.



RISK

Q: Is the Board covered by liability insurance? Is the organization incorporated? Does the Board have access to a lawyer? Do I have to declare any conflicts of interest? You want to know the organization is incorporated as there tends to be a veil to avoid attacks on individual directors and that risk mechanisms are in place.

A: The Chamber is incorporated under the provincial Societies Act, is covered by liability insurance which is reviewed regularly, and has access to lawyers who are also members of the Chamber. Should a Board member decide they have a conflict of interest on a particular item before the Board, they simply declare the conflict and abstain from voting. Meetings follow normal Robert's Rules which will be provided to you.

Don't see an answer to your question here? Contact our office and ask to speak to the General Manager.



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