



**2025 McBride and District Chamber of Commerce
Meeting – June 11th, 2025, 7:00PM
Traveller's Inn, McBride BC**

AGENDA

1	Call to order at _____ pm by Chair, Justina Trach
2	Approval of Agenda
3.0	Adoption of Minutes – May 20, 2025 <i>(attached)</i>
4.0	Financial Report <i>(attached)</i>
5.0	Old Business
5.1	Renshaw: Road Decommissioning, Down Rating of Bridges -Update ➤ Mayor Runtz to present.
5.2	Tourism - Discussion
5.3	Signage - Discussion
5.4	Great Divide Trail Association – Linkage to Local Trails ➤ Item brought forward from the meeting held April 15, 2025
5.5	Committees ➤ Show & Shine, Saturday, June 21, 2025 ➤ Drag-iT Event – Sunday, June 22, 2025 ➤ July 1 st – BBQ – Barb & Linton McCoy ➤ Xmas Gala
6.0	New Business
6.1	Province of BC – Business Resources <i>(attached)</i> For information.
7.0	Other
7	Next Meeting Scheduled for _____, 2025, 7:00 pm, Travelers Inn.
9	Adjourn at _____ pm.

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MINUTES

Present:

- Chair & President Justina Trach
- Director & Secretary, Jeanette McDougall
- Director & Treasurer, Linda Fry
- Directors: Bobby Hurry, Lori Hurry, Dave McLeod, Barb McCoy, Russ Purvis, Kevin Trach,
- Councillor P. Caputo

Regrets:

- Directors Les Hack, Lori Hurry, Wes Keim, Rod Whelpton
- Adele Ford, Linton McCoy, S. Philpott, Tabatha Reiss, J. Rich, Tracy Yetter

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1	Call to order at 7:07 pm by Chair, Justina Trach
2	Approval of Agenda <i>Moved & Seconded: L. Fry / R. Purvis</i> THAT the Agenda for the meeting held May 20, 2025 was approved as presented. Carried
3.0	Adoption of Minutes <i>Moved & Seconded: R. Purvis / J. Trach</i> THAT the Minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2025 were adopted. Carried
4.0	Financial Report <i>Moved & Seconded: L. Fry / R. Purvis</i> THAT the Financial Report year-to-date as of May 15, 2025 was approved as presented. Carried
5.0	Old Business Signage - Draft ideas for signs.
5.1	Tourism Coordinator – Update A general discussion ensued regarding a Tourism Coordinator position; the McBride Community Forest not in favour. <i>J. McDougall recused due to conflict of interest at 7:35 pm and rejoined the meeting at 8:05 pm.</i>



5.2	Renshaw: Road Decommissioning, Down Rating of Bridges -Update ➤ Item scheduled for June 11, 2025 (Mayor Runtz)
5.3	Great Divide Trail Association – Linkage to Local Trails ➤ Item scheduled for June 11, 2025 (Les Hack)
5.4	Committees ➤ Drag-iT Event – Sunday, June 22, 2025; Show & Shine, Saturday, June 21, 2025 (<i>J. Trach to email re activities scheduled for June 21, 2025; Volunteers needed</i>) ➤ July 1 st – BBQ – Barb & Linton McCoy (<i>confirmed</i>) ➤ Xmas Gala (<i>discussion re tentative dates of December 6th & 13th, 2025; caterer & venue need to be booked; beer & wine coolers supplied; if entertainment included, costs will be higher</i>)
6.0	New Business
6.1	McBride Chamber – Trade Show Received for Discussion / Information
6.2	Nanaimo Infusion Weekend Receive for Discussion / Information
7.0	Other
7.1	Signing Authority – Integris Credit Union <i>Moved & Seconded: L. Fry / J. Trach</i> That the McBride and District Chamber of Commerce approve the following signing authorities for a new account with Integris Credit Union: Linda Fry, Justina Trach, Russ Purvis and Lori Hurry. Carried
7.2	Ancient Forest Enhancement Project - Groundbreaking Ceremony R. Purvis attended the groundbreaking Ceremony, and noted that the earlier contributions made by the McBride Community Forest need to be highlighted.
7.3	BC Hydro – Unreliable Power Discussion held re the lack of reliable power in the area; L. Fry to post to social media to ask for residents / businesses experience with power fluctuations, brown outs, outages.
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9	Adjourn at 9:11 pm.

McBride & District Chamber of Commerce

2025 Treasurer Report – June 11, 2025

We have submitted documents to open an Integrus Credit Union Account for the Chamber. We have hit a hiccup in that we are Federally registered under the Boards of Trade Act and CU is looking for a BC registration. Dan Wingham is looking into this with the compliance team. Once we have an answer, we can decide on next steps. We are holding the \$400 deposit until we know.

	2024 Summary	Deposits	Cheques	Balance
Jan 2025	Total deposits. Total cheques. Ending Balance	79,518.04	76,831.69	9,514.95

Cash on hand \$42.40 (Gina Main Street event) deposited in February

BNS	2025	Deposits	Cheques	Balance
	FORWARD			9514.95
jan	SC		3.00	9511.95
765	BC Chamber of Commerce membership fee for 2025		169.31	9342.64
766	McB Curling Club		50.00	9292.64
Jan	Insurance commission	50.59		9343.23
Feb 2025	Adrenaline \$100 North of Fifty \$100 Thunder Valley \$100 Gigglin' Grizzly \$100 Adele Ford (cash) \$35 Cash on hand \$45 from Gina Cash Donation \$25 toward rent	505.00		9848.23
Feb 2025	Les Hack \$35 Jeanette McDougall \$35 TGP \$100 Country Girl Kitchen \$100 Kakwa Eco Village \$100	370.00		10,218.23
	Insurance Commission	50.59		10,268.82
	SC		3.59	
767	Axis Insurance		800.00	
Mar	Insurance Commission	50.59		
Mar 2025	SC		3.00	
Apr	Insurance Commission	53.49		9566.31
Apr 30	SC		3.00	
May 15	Heritage Canada (Canada Day Funding)	1050.00		10,613.31
	Insurance commission	53.49		
	Destination BC 2025 VIC base funding	15000.00		
768	McBride Visitor Centre tsfr DBC funding		15000.00	10,666.80
	SC		3.00	10,663.80

NOTE: The Chamber has an unmet financial obligation to the Visitor Centre

Integris CU	2025	Deposits	Cheques	Balance
	Me & Bobby McBee Robson Valley Home Hardware Cougar Mountain Lodge Yetter Construction	400.00		400.00

2025 Directors:

Linda Fry Les Hack Bobby Hurry Lori Hurry	Wes Keim Barb McCoy Linton McCoy Jeanette McDougall	Russ Purvis Justina Trach Kevin Trach Rod Whelpton
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2025 Executive

Chair	Justina Trach
Vice Chair	Bobby Hurry, Lori Hurry
Secretary	Jeanette McDougall
Treasurer	Linda Fry

2025 Members

Individual Name	Business/organization	Email
Rod Whelpton	1. Adrenaline Services Ltd.	adrenalinemcbride@gmail.com
Stu Philpott	2. North of Fifty	Beavercreek
Linda Fry	3. Thunder Valley 4. Gigglin' Grizzly	lindafry@telus.net
Adele Ford	5.	daleadeleford@gmail.com
Les Hack	6.	lhmosiac@gmail.com
Bobby & Lori Hurry	7. TGP	mcbridetgp@outlook.com
Russ Purvis	8. Kakwa Ecovillage Cooperative	russpurvis@gmail.com
Barb & Linton McCoy	9. Country Girl Kitchen	dunsterfarmgirl@gmail.com
Jeanette McDougall	10.	
Bobby-Jo Carswell	11. Me & Bobby McBee	bobbyjom@gmail.com
	12. RV Home Hardware	
	13. Cougar Mountain Lodge	
Cody Yetter	14. Yetter Construction	



Business Resources

HOW B.C. HELPS BUSINESS OWNERS

This handout lists resources available to help entrepreneurs and business owners start and grow successful businesses. Note, this list is not exhaustive. Contact program areas for more information.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Starting a Small Business Guide

gov.bc.ca/startingasmallbusinessguide

Indigenous Small Business Resource Handout

gov.bc.ca/indigenoussmallbusinessresources

Starting a Restaurant in B.C.

gov.bc.ca/startingarestaurant

Provincial Sales Tax (PST)

Information and assistance, including a helpline, email rulings support, videos, forms and publications to answer questions about PST.

gov.bc.ca/PST

PreparedBC: Guide for Small Business

gov.bc.ca/preparedbc

Starting a Franchise in B.C.

gov.bc.ca/startingafranchise

Small Business Profile Dashboard

gov.bc.ca/SBDashboard

Civil Resolution Tribunal

Resolve a small claim related to employment, buying or selling goods and services, injuries, insurance, or property.

civilresolutionbc.ca

Business Benefit Finder

A customizable search tool for information on grants, funding, programs and services.

canada.ca/en/services/business/grants.html

Lean Fundamentals Micro-Credential

The Province in collaboration with Camosun College offers a low-cost Lean Fundamentals Micro-Credential. The course is self-directed online learning that develops skills to help drive innovation, productivity and profitability in organizations of all types and sizes.

prosit.camosun.ca Course ID: 1920402

More small business resources

gov.bc.ca/resourcessmallbusiness

BUSINESS RESOURCES



Business Advisory Services



Government Service



Tools and Resources



Education



Financing



Online Registration



Permits and Licences



Mentorship



Export

BC Business Advisory Services



Pathfinding services for new or existing entrepreneurs or small businesses in B.C. Free one-on-one advice with an advisor, access to resources, guidance on navigating government programs and funding opportunities.

Ph: 1 855 698-2157, Email: Business.Advisors@gov.bc.ca

gov.bc.ca/businessadvisors

BC Business Registry



Access and manage your BC Registries and Online Services. All registrations of businesses, not-for-profit societies, cooperative associations, personal property and manufactured homes are administered and supported by BC Registries and Online Services.

bcregistry.gov.bc.ca

BizPaL



A free online service that provides simplified access to information about business permits and licences that may be required for a particular business type and its related activities from provincial, federal and local governments.

bcbizpal.ca

Mobile Business Licence Program



Allows certain types of businesses to operate across local government boundaries. Please contact your local municipality to see if a Mobile Business Licence is available in your community.

gov.bc.ca/mobilebusinesslicence

BCBid

Access, create, browse and compete on public sector business opportunities.

Enquiry BC line: 1 800 663-7867

bcbid.gov.bc.ca

BCeID

Provides secure online access to services that accept Business BCeID. It proves who you are and which business you're associated with.

bceid.ca

BC OnLine

BC OnLine is your online access to government services for legal, business, government and professionals.

bconline.gov.bc.ca

BC Services Card App

The BC Services Card app is a digital ID on your mobile device. You use it to prove who you are when you log in to a website that accepts BC Services Card Login.

gov.bc.ca/bcservicescardapp

Black Business Association of BC

Supports Black entrepreneurs with loan and grant applications, leadership development, strategic growth planning, mentorship programs and networking opportunities.

blackbusinessbc.ca

Business Development Bank of Canada

Helps develop strong Canadian businesses through financing, advisory services and capital with a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises.

Ph: 1 877 232-2269

bdc.ca

Canada Revenue Agency

My Business Account is a secure portal that allows business owners to interact online with the CRA on various business accounts, including GST/HST, payroll, corporation income taxes, excise taxes, excise duties, and more.

Canada.ca/taxes

Community Futures British Columbia

Provides business financing, advisory services, business continuity planning and training to small- and medium-sized enterprises in rural and Indigenous communities, and targeted services for youth and entrepreneurs with disabilities.

communityfutures.ca

Corporate Online

Provides online filings to maintain companies in British Columbia.

corporateonline.gov.bc.ca

Employers' Advisers Office

Providing independent advice, assistance, representation and education to employers, potential employers and employer associations concerning workers' compensation issues.

Ph: 1 800 925-2233

gov.bc.ca/employersadvisers

eTaxBC

A free and convenient online tax application providing 24/7 secure access to register and manage your account, file returns and make payments.

Ph: 1 877 388-4440

gov.bc.ca/etaxbcinfo

FrontCounter BC

Provides a single point of contact service to assist clients with licences, permits, registrations and other authorizations required to utilize the B.C.'s natural resources.

FrontCounter BC Contact Centre line: 1 877 855-3222

frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca

Futurpreneur

Provides mentoring services and loans to grow the economy one young entrepreneur at a time.

Ph: 1 866 646-2922

futurpreneur.ca

Immigrant Services Society of BC

Provides resettlement, language education, employment services, and entrepreneurship programs for newcomers.

issbc.org

Investment Capital Programs

Offering tax credits to investors making equity capital investments in qualifying British Columbia based small businesses.

Ph: 1 800 665-6597

gov.bc.ca/venturecapitalprograms

Pacific Economic Development Canada (PacifiCan)

The new federal economic development agency dedicated to British Columbia. Promotes growth and diversification in B.C.'s economy by enhancing innovation, improving business competitiveness, and promoting inclusive growth.

Ph: 1 888 338-9378

pacifican.gc.ca

Service BC

Province-wide access to government services including key government transactions for business – in person, online or over the phone.

Service BC Contact Centre: 1 800 663-7867

servicebc.gov.bc.ca

Société de développement économique

Provides business information, support, networking, training and mentoring for francophone and francophile business in B.C.

Ph: 604 732-3534

sdecb.com

Trade and Invest BC

Offers resources to help B.C. entrepreneurs looking to grow their business by developing their exporting capabilities.

britishcolumbia.ca

WeBC

B.C.'s leading resource for women entrepreneurs, offering skills development, business loans, free business guidance, business resources, mentoring, networking and events.

Ph: 1 800 643-7014

we-bc.ca

WorkBC

Learn about training programs, read success stories and access business and employment resources.

Ph: 1 877 952-6914

workbc.ca

WorkSafeBC

Helps employers understand what is required to meet their legal obligations to ensure a healthy and safe workplace.

worksafebc.com