



**2025 McBride and District Chamber of Commerce
Meeting – May 20th, 2025, 7:00PM
Traveller's Inn, McBride BC**

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

The McBride & District Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting the trade interests and the well-being of the residents of McBride and District.

The Chamber is non-profit, comprised of businesses, professionals, residents and other community groups working together to ensure a healthy economic base.

We are the community and business network for the area from Dome Creek to Tete Jaune Cache.

We were incorporated as a Board of Trade in 1948 and for over 70 years we have been committed to advancing the sustainability of the area by engaging and involving citizens, businesses and organizations.

As we move forward through these challenging times, we must always keep in mind:

Is it good for business?

Is it good for our community?

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.
8	Next Meeting Scheduled for June 11, 2025, 7:00 pm, Travelers Inn.
9	Adjourn at 9:11 pm.