



2020 FERNIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGM PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING OUR AGM VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ban on events of more than 50 people, the Fernie Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted by resolution at the April 9, 2020 regular board meeting to conduct our AGM on Thursday 21 May at 9am virtually using the video conferencing software Zoom.

As such, the formal portion of the AGM will look slightly different this year in terms of how members will vote. As is always the case every year, you must be a member in good standing to cast a vote at our AGM. This means your 2020 membership dues must be paid in full prior to the AGM. This is also the case for continuing board members and members seeking a board nomination this year. Only one representative of each organization will be permitted to vote on behalf of each member organization. All participants will be asked to identify themselves on the Zoom call with their full name and organization they represent.

When a vote is required from the membership during our AGM agenda, our President will call for a member to move the motion and then another member to second the motion. Only the designated voting representative of each member organization (in good standing) can move or second a motion. You can do so by using the chat function in Zoom by simply typing “moved” or “seconded”. The first member in good standing to do so will be the mover or seconder.

Once a motion has been seconded and is on the floor, the President will call for a vote on the motion. The way this will be handled at our virtual AGM is that the President will only ask if there are any objections to the motion. At this stage, any member organization (in good standing) can type in the chat “opposed”. All other members in good standing will be assumed to be in favour of the motion if they do not object. If the majority of the membership does not object – the motion will be carried.

A member moving, seconding or voting on a motion who does not identify themselves completely with their full name and organization will not have their vote recognized.

It is critically important to the Fernie Chamber of Commerce that our 2020 AGM is conducted in a transparent and fair manner – despite the need to do it virtually. Please reach out to Brad Parsell (Executive Director) if you have any questions regarding how this year’s AGM will be conducted.

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