



**True North Hostelling Association O/A Hostelling  
International – Canada – Pacific Mountain Region**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY**

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**DATE:** Saturday September 9, 2020

**TIME:** 6:00pm PDT

**PLACE:** Zoom Call

**PRESENT:** Kit Keener  
Meghan Trepanier  
Curtis Hemming  
Peter Nietresta  
Steve Ahluwalia  
Victoria Oppenlander  
Dave Bentley

**REGRETS:** Lenore Neudorf

**GUESTS:**

**RECORDER:** Robb Cryder                      Acting CEO

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**1. Call to Order**

- M.Trepanier calls meeting to order at 6:00pm PDT.

**2. Financial Update**

- R. Cryder provided an update of the financial situation and projected bookings, referring to the Overnight Revenue Report June 29 – November 30 and PM Board Update Sept 5, 2020.
- August was a strong month as has been the beginning of September.
- In contrast, October and November are showing weak advanced bookings.

**3. Review of Proposed Fall Closure Schedule**

- R. Cryder reviewed the closure schedule outlined in the proposal.
- With some flexibility on specific dates, all hostels are to close in late September or early October.
- Some wilderness hostels and HI Whistler, HI Banff, HI Lake Louise and HI Banff will re-open on December 18. Other hostels will not re-open until Spring 2021.
- The Board of Directors supported the plan through the following motion.

**ON A MOTION DULY MADE:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board approves the recommendations set out in the document PM Board Update Sept 5, 2020.**

#### **4. Potential Leasing of HI Calgary and HI Edmonton**

- R. Cryder advised that the Alberta government has expressed interest in leasing HI Calgary and HI Edmonton.
- Representatives of the provincial government have toured HI Calgary.
- Information about the properties had been provided to the provincial government.

#### **5. Human Resources Update**

- R. Cryder advised that 75 employees that are either working or on layoff had been given working notices and terminated.
- During the closure, employees will be taking vacation to reduce the vacation accrual being carried by the association. Vacation days are eligible for the federal wage subsidy.

#### **6. Board Retreat**

- K. Keener provided an update on the 2020 Board Retreat.
- Advised that it will be beneficial to provide information about Board Committees to new Board Members in advance of the retreat.

#### **7. October Board Meeting**

- Date was set for October 17 & 18.
- K. Keener will advise new Board Members.

#### **8. HI C Funding Formula**

- P. Nietresta raised concerns about the indefinite closure of hostels and its impact on the funding of HI C.
- R. Cryder will contact Sylvianne to obtain the details of the funding formula and data for the past year.

#### **9. CEO Expense Claim**

- The Board went to camera to discuss.

#### **11. Meeting Adjourned**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**