

HI Canada Board Meeting Summary – April 2025, Montréal

Warm greetings to all HI Members, Affiliates, and staff!

The HI Canada Board of Directors met in Montréal on April 12–13, 2025, for a productive in-person session focused on advancing our mission and overseeing key operational and strategic priorities.

Financial & Operations Update

The Board reviewed year-to-date financial performance and discussed the impact of the Jasper closure on overnight stays. Updates were provided on other key hostels, including Lake Louise, with discussion on travel trends, cost pressures, and planning needs for future in-person meetings.

Operational Projects

The CEO shared updates on rebuilding hostels in Jasper National Park following the 2024 fire, with permits expected shortly. Development updates were also provided on HI Victoria and other network properties scheduled for maintenance.

Strategic Planning & Performance

Year-one priorities of the Strategic Plan were reviewed, and a dashboard is being developed to track progress. Discussions emphasized aligning hostel development projects with HI Canada's long-term mission and sustainability goals.

Committee Highlights

- **Governance Committee:** Policy reviews, board evaluation tools, and annual declarations.
- **Audit & Finance Committee:** Audit underway and auditor engagement reviewed.
- **Ownership Linkage & Membership Committee:** Member engagement timeline and stakeholder outreach plans.
- **Board Development Committee:** 2025 board elections and committee composition.
- **CEO Advisory Committee:** To meet after Jasper design plans are received.
- **CEO & International Relationships Committee:** Updates on international CEO meetings and the upcoming youth panel initiative.

Board Governance & Policy Updates

The Board reviewed the calendar, finalized the 2025 AGM date (September 10), and refined board education plans for upcoming meetings.

Looking Ahead

The next Board meeting will take place in Penticton, BC, with updates on ongoing projects and strategic initiatives.

On behalf of the HI Canada Board of Directors, thank you for being part of our hostelling community. We look forward to continuing to create accessible, inclusive, and meaningful travel experiences across Canada.



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Chair – HI Canada Board of Directors