

## Board Meeting Summary – October 2025, Vancouver

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

On October 17, 2025, the HI Canada Board held an orientation for new members, providing an overview of Board committees, organizational operations, and expectations for their term. This ensures all Board members are well-prepared to support HI Canada's mission. The Board then met in Vancouver on October 18–19, 2025 to focus on advancing HI Canada's mission and overseeing key operational, strategic, and governance priorities.

### **Financial & Operations Update**

The Board reviewed organizational performance across the network and received updates on major hostel rebuilds, property developments, and strategic priorities to support long-term sustainability and growth.

### **Operational Projects**

Updates were shared on hostel operations, network properties, and wilderness hostels. New systems for tracking activity and guest trends were reviewed, and planning continues for future network opportunities and property partnerships.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Governance Committee:** Reviewed monitoring processes, templates, and clarified roles between Board and operations.
- **Audit & Finance Committee:** Discussed upcoming audits and oversight matters.
- **Ownership Linkage Committee:** Reviewed member engagement workshops and updated responsibilities.
- **Board Development Committee:** Prepared for upcoming board elections and refined committee structures
- **Youth File Committee:** Reviewed international youth participation and onboarding processes.
- **CEO & International Relationship Committee:** Discussed digital initiatives, global engagement, and CEO planning.

### **Board Governance & Policy Updates**

- Reviewed and refined Terms of Reference for all standing committees.
- Confirmed responsibilities for committee documentation and annual Board education plans.
- Draft 2026 Board Calendar reviewed and confirmed.
- HI Canada's representation on related boards reaffirmed.

### **Looking Ahead**

The Board will continue to focus on operational projects, governance priorities, and strategic initiatives. The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 24–25, 2026, in Calgary.



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.

**Lenore Neudorf**  
Chair – HI Canada Board of Directors