

Board Meeting Summary

January 24-25, 2026. HI Calgary Hostel

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

The HI Canada Board of Directors met on January 24–25, 2026 at our HI Calgary hostel, to advance our mission and oversee key operational, financial, and governance priorities. The meeting included updates and discussions across several areas:

Financial & Operations Update:

The Board reviewed year-to-date financial performance, noting impacts from the HI Jasper closure alongside strong results at HI Lake Louise. Key operational updates included progress on the HI Jasper redevelopment and ongoing challenges related to permits, infrastructure, and partnerships.

Committee Reports:

Committees reported on governance compliance and policy clarity, audit planning and stable risk outlook, member and youth engagement initiatives, board development and upcoming elections, and international relations. Progress continues on engagement strategies, international collaboration, and youth programming.

Board Governance & Policy Updates:

The Board approved updates to multiple committee Terms of Reference to enhance clarity, structure, and alignment with organizational priorities. Governance policies were reviewed and confirmed to be functioning as intended, with continued focus on accountability and effective oversight.

Looking Ahead:

Priorities include advancing the HI Jasper redevelopment, strengthening member and youth engagement, preparing for the 2026 AGM and board elections, and participating in international initiatives and partnerships. Sustainability, digital engagement, and organizational resilience remain key focus areas.

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

Lenore Neudorf
Chair – HI Canada Board of Directors