



**Canadian Hostelling Association o/a  
HI CANADA  
Annual General Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 at 18:00 MDT  
Location: Virtual  
Total Attendees: 45**

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**1. Call to Order**

- Chair: Lenore Neudorf
- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM MST.
- Land acknowledgement was made.
- Quorum confirmed by CEO Julius van Wyk.

**2. Agenda Adoption**

Motion:

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the September 10, 2025, Canadian Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting is accepted as presented, is hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”*

Moved by: Vivan

Seconded by: Alistair

Motion Carried

**3. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes**

Motion:

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 18, 2024, Canadian Hostelling Association Annual General Meeting are accepted as presented/amended, and are hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”*

Moved by: Alberto

Seconded by: Neil H

Motion Carried

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**4. Report from the Board Chair – Lenore Neudorf**

- Highlighted:
  - Board involvement in the Membership Engagement Plan and international relations.
  - Site visits across Canada.
  - Attendance at the 25th IYHF Conference and tri-lateral meeting (Canada, USA, Germany).
  - Loss of three Jasper hostels due to wildfires (HI Jasper, Maligne Canyon, Athabasca Falls).
  - Redesign and rebuild plans for HI Jasper (construction to start Sept 2025).
  - Recognition of outgoing Board Members: Othello Tuason and Jason Demers.

## 5. Report from the CEO – Julius van Wyk

- Theme: *Renewal, Resilience, and Strategic Progress.*
- FY2025 Overview:
  - 279,713 overnight stays (down ~33K from 2024 due to wildfire).
  - Occupancy rate: 52% (slight increase).
  - \$5.5M+ capital investment across the hostel network.
  - Successful reopening of HI Halifax and recovery of HI Vancouver Downtown.
  - Decision to sell HI Victoria property due to seismic and design constraints; new site to be pursued.
  - Strategic focus on infrastructure reinvestment, partnerships, leadership strengthening, and guest experience.

## 6. Financial Review

### 6.1 Audit Committee Report – Victoria Oppenlander

- Revenue decreased by 3.7%, largely due to wildfire closures.
- Membership revenue declined over 55% due to policy changes.
- Surplus dropped by \$801K (32.98% decrease YoY).
- Cash and investments increased significantly due to insurance proceeds.
- Insurance Recovery: \$396K for business interruption.
- Capital Investment: \$5.95M spent, funded in part by \$8.53M in insurance proceeds.
- Audit by KPMG showed no issues or recommendations.

### Motion to Accept Audited Financial Statements

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the Canadian Hostelling Association ending March 31, 2025, are received as presented, and are hereby acknowledged and ratified by the membership of the Association.”*

Moved by: J. Demers

Seconded by: Gina

Motion Carried

Motion to Appoint Auditors for FY2026

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounting firm KPMG LLP be appointed to serve as the Association’s Auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026.”*

Moved by: J. Demers

Seconded by: B. Sousa

Motion Carried

## 7. Introduction of 2025–2026 Board of Directors

Reappointed:

- Lenore Neudorf
- John Hutchings

Newly Appointed by Acclamation:

- Jeansil Bruyère
- Sara Caissie

## 8. Open Q&A

- General questions addressed by the Chair and CEO.

## 9. Adjournment

Motion:

*“To adjourn the 2nd Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Hostelling Association.”*

Moved by: Alberto

Seconded by: Gina

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned