

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DOWNTOWN VICTORIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour
June 18, 2025

Present: Approximately 161 members of the DVBA, guests and Board of Directors in attendance (54 voting members)

Staff: Jeff Bray, Alison Gair, Rob Caunter, Becca Blachut, Madison Sutcliffe, Connor Tanton, Jordan Allard, Alison Batallas, Jayden McLaren

1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Jeff Bray, Executive Director of the Downtown Victoria Business Association, called the 20th Annual General Meeting to order at 8:17 am. He acknowledged we were on the traditional territory of the Songhees people and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked the current, and former, Board members for their dedication to downtown and their time and effort over the years.

MOTION: That the meeting agenda be adopted as proposed. Moved: Sophia Pugh Paul Nursey	Seconded: CARRIED.
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2. APPROVAL OF LAST YEAR'S MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the June 12, 2024 DVBA AGM meeting be approved as presented. Moved: Anna Wray	Seconded: Spencer Buck CARRIED.
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3. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Bruce spoke about the duality of the DVBA role: to promote downtown but also to keep it clean and safe, to advocate for the businesses. Advertising only works when it's credible; if people's downtown experience contradicts what they see in our ads they will distrust future advertising from us. We need to improve people's experience. There are levels of government and media who are trying to help – we are reinforcing that the situation is urgent. Bail reforms need to be amended. Bruce stressed that the problem is not the homeless population, but a relatively small group of recurring offenders. We will be open about the need to improve.

He thanked everyone for attending, the board for their volunteer efforts, and the staff of the DVBA.

5 & 6 & 7 AUDITED 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS and APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS and 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Scott Cameron reviewed the audited statements as prepared by KPMG, LLP – our new auditors. They have taken a deep dive into our financials to produce the report at all tables around the room. They made a few adjustments to the

