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MEETING NOTES

Jim Sawers greeted me with a warm handshake on this beautiful spring morning. Eva Sirvent Milbra and Brian Gentles were manning the sales desk. Lynda Campbell brought the meeting to order sharp at 7:00. We were then treated to the dulcet tones of Harold Aitkenhead's voice as he led us in Oh Canada. Lynda read the land acknowledgment and then let us know that today is International Workers Day celebrating the trade union movement. In Calgary we celebrate Asian month throughout May. Eva took the podium for the first time to introduce our guests including Doug Annable, Steve Berini, Chris Breneol, Nicolle Brennan, Lillian Brewster, Jon Crosser, Tien Dang, Jo-Ann Davis, Andreas Georgouis, Jaryll Dunne, Sukhmanpreet Kaur, Walter Litvinchuk, Christina Matthews, Kim Sewall, Balkarn Singh, Olivia Tait, Sandy Tait, Ed and Jackie Engstrom, Greg Lore, David Townsend, Hailey Mason, Catherine Van Brunschot Dunk, Ashley Yu, Tara Duncan and Deborah Yedlin.

Lynda then delivered the blessing and invited Bob Clark to act as plate shiner.

PROGRAM

Do yourself a favour and listen to the video of the speaker's presentation in its entirety.

Bruce Byford introduced our guest speaker Deborah Yedlin, President and CEO of Calgary Chamber of Commerce who took the podium to talk about Calgary's present and future. Calgary's population has grown by 18% which has fueled our economy. We are the fourth largest city, a key player in Canada's economy, and the best-connected city of our size in North America. As our population approaches two million people, to be competitive the table stakes going forward include investing in infrastructure. We are making progress with projects like the expansion of Arts Common/Werklund Center, Shaw Glenbow Museum and Contemporary Calgary which represent the largest renewal of arts infrastructure in Canada. Add to that the expansion of the BMO Centre, the new Scotia Place arena, the Stampede master plan update, and the Heritage Park enhancement plans, it is an exciting time to be in Calgary. We need to replace McMahon stadium, fix the Olympic Oval, and build a field house. We also need to build the airport train and make the city more walkable by enhancing transit. We need to push for transit underground alignment downtown. Also need to make sure we have the schools and hospitals needed for a city our size. We've never replaced the hospital beds we lost when we closed the General, Holy Cross and Grace Hospitals and the city has doubled in size. The 1988 Olympics catalyzed a culture of volunteerism that since has defined Calgary. In two years, it will be the forty-year anniversary, and it begs the question, can we do it again, why not? We have exciting events coming including the Grey Cup in November and the World Cup in Hockey in 2028. Tourism is a massive driver of our economy. We had almost nine million visitors last year and it

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continues to grow. Beyond tourism we are home to world renowned secondary school institutions including U of C, Mount Royal, and Sait. U of C generates more start ups than any other university in Canada. CDL-Rockies was the start of the economic diversification we see today. Calgary has become the fastest growing tech employment market in North America and rank 17th in tech talent with 64000 employees. We are and will continue to be an energy city. As the world evolves, we have the opportunity to take the lead in how energy is produced and distributed to international markets. We have a prime minister who understands the importance of energy development. The signing of the MLU last November has reframed our relationship with the federal government to enable production. With the current geopolitical conflict disrupting energy supply chains Canada has the moral imperative to increase exports to global markets to create global stability. We need to attract capital to move ahead with infrastructure. Looking at the big picture we are a city of risk takers, we are adaptable, and we're innovative. We have a strong community spirit and are willing to persevere through the good and the bad. We are a city of connectors. We need to focus on risk, entrepreneurship, and social responsibility.

MINUTES

John Prospect (Fish Creek) talked to us about the Rotary Adventures in Career and Financial Wellness Camp taking place July 9-12 this year. Campers are aged 13-17 and learn about a variety of topics including career values and skills, purpose in life, how stocks, bonds, and mutual funds work, and how to buy a car and a house. Registration is currently at 12 campers right now and John is hoping for 30 so please spread the word.

HAPPY BUCKS

Velma: leaving for two weeks in Europe.
 Brian: Thanks to Asha Paul for all her work in organizing Guess Who's Coming for Dinner
 Phil and Lynda: Thanks to Deborah Yedlin and mentees
 Wynn: Celebrating 50th wedding anniversary.
 Doug: Thanks to Phil, John, Brian and Bob for help with the casino
 Brad: Thanks to Deborah Yedlin and to Kim for getting up early. Reminder of hike in Bragg Creek area on May 30.
 Walter: Thanks to Deborah Yedlin
 Bill: Looking forward to the conference and joining the 12 club members in attendance
 Bob: Thanks to our guests for coming
 Don: Thanks for the reminder that tomorrow is his 39th wedding anniversary

CONCLUSION

The meeting was closed by Lynda who mentioned that May is the bridge between winter and summer, a fresh start, lingering spring, when heart regrows hope.

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INTRO & THANK.....VINCE VAVREK
REPORTER.....PETER HARDING

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

PETER HARDING.....MAY 14

ANNIVERSARIES

GRAHAM & HOLLY DRAKE (44YRS).....MAY 8
 GINNY & BARRY MURPHY (33YRS).....MAY 8
 BOB & MARYANN COVE (48YRS).....MAY 13
 TED & TAMMY WOOD (33YRS).....MAY 15

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