



GREATER VICTORIA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

June 1, 2016

## Notice of Board Election

The Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce runs the election for new board members in the fall of each year. This election notice is distributed to Chamber membership to provide information to members and potential candidates on the election process.

### Getting Involved

Volunteer work is both personally rewarding and key to the ongoing well-being of our community. Much like Chamber membership, serving on its Board of Directors truly does make a difference.

Board members oversee the many services the Chamber provides to the business community, work with other business leaders and senior decision-makers and influence critical issues facing businesses in Greater Victoria.

We invite you to be a part of the success story of The Chamber. Nominations close Thurs., July 28 at noon.

Any questions can be directed to Peggy Kulmala, Manager of Policy and Public Affairs, at (250) 360-3476 or [policy@victoriachamber.ca](mailto:policy@victoriachamber.ca)

### Key Dates

Board election information session	Tues., July 12 from noon to 1 p.m.
Call for nominations	Tues., July 5
Nominations close	Thurs., July 28 at noon
Electronic balloting begins	Mon., Sept. 26
Candidate meeting/presentations	Thurs., Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.
Ballot deadline and results	Wed., Oct. 4 at noon
Board orientation (new members)	Fri, Oct. 14 at noon

### Electing Board Members

This election is to elect board members to serve on the 2017 Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. Board terms are based on a calendar year starting in January of each year. For example: members elected in the fall of 2016 start their term on the Board in January 2017. A board member's term is two years with staggered renewal dates. Ideally half the Board will be subject to

election in any given year. In circumstances where a position is vacated during a term, the Board may offer positions for a one-year term. In each election year, the Board determines the number of one-year and two-year positions available. **There are five positions available for the Board of Directors in 2017.**

For those interested in serving on the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors, there will be a Board Election Information Session on Tues. July 12 from noon to 1 p.m. at The Chamber offices (100-852 Fort Street). Register online at [www.victoriachamber.ca](http://www.victoriachamber.ca).

### **Weighted Votes**

The Chamber uses a weighted voting system. The system is based on the number of employees a business has according to Chamber membership records. In the case of subsidiaries, the parent company will vote on behalf of the entire organization.

The weighted vote table is as follows:

<b>Employees on Record</b>	<b>Votes (weight)</b>
1 - 10	1
11 - 49	2
50 – 75	3
76 – 100	4
101 – 149	5
150 – 199	6
200 – 275	8
276 – 350	10
351 – 450	12
450 – 600	14
600 +	16

### **Voting Procedure**

Election ballots will be distributed to one contact within a business. That contact will be the main contact indicated in our database. The ballot will be a single electronic ballot listing the weighting of that ballot. The votes are anonymous and tallied by an external company for both privacy and accuracy. The order of candidates on the ballot is determined by a draw process.

Information on the election process will be updated on an ongoing basis on our website ([www.victoriachamber.ca](http://www.victoriachamber.ca))

I look forward to working with our members to maintain and grow our vibrant community.

Yours truly,



Catherine Holt  
Chief Executive Officer