



Agenda Yukon Chamber of Commerce Food, Beverage & Cannabis Committee

Date: Wednesday November 15, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Attendees: Rich Thompson, Eddie Rideout, Jeff Erasmus, Dale Colbran, James Maltby,
Luke Pantin (*All members participated via Zoom*)

Agenda:

1. Called to order at 2:10 PM and chaired by Rich Thompson.
2. Approval of agenda: Items 2 & 5 were removed. Unanimous consent.
3. Previous minutes were not available.
4. **Agenda Item #1**
Previous Meeting w/Premier Pillai & Minister Silver: The committee has been in discussion with the Yukon Government for assistance to alleviate the financial crisis that the Food and Beverage industry currently faces. Rich Thompson provided a recap of the previous meeting with Premier Pillai and Minister Silver.

There was consensus among committee members that there were no productive **outcomes from the meeting.**

Agenda Item #2

Flow of Goods: Removed (as per above)

Agenda Item #3

Moving away from the non-public approach: Discussion to shift from a “non-public” strategic approach to more direct, public facing oriented tactics. This was identified as the only valid option and the committee supported the suggestion unanimously.

Agenda Item #4



State of the industry

The food and beverage industry is an essential sector for employment and economic growth. The industry is in crisis facing challenges related to high operating costs, seasonal fluctuations in demand, and supply chain obstacles. The industry relies heavily on tourism, which has seen a significant decline since the COVID-19 pandemic. Many restaurants, cafes, and bars have closed either temporarily or permanently. The compounded impacts of reduced demand, supply chain issues, declining sales have led to financial strain and uncertainty in the industry. The sector requires Government help and attention to avoid a collapse which explains why a public facing approach is seen as the only effective means at this time. Luke Pantin will arrange to meet with Dennis Berry (President & CEO of Yukon Development Corp.) in a final effort to find a shared solution.

Agenda Item #5: Liquor Act Review:

Removed from the agenda.

5. Next Meeting: No date was set for the next meeting.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:45