

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE - CANADIAN TRADE COUNCIL

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New Hampshire Canadian Trade Council Regular Meeting  
Jan 8, 2024  
Meeting Minutes

Called to order by Chairperson Rep. Janet Wall at 2:00 PM

Attendance:

**Secretary of State** David M. Scanlan

**Senators:** Howard Pearl

**Representatives:** Vice Chair Janet Wall, Representatives Benjamin Barody, Tim McGough, Linda DiSilvestro, Linda Massimilla, Steve Shurtleff

**Department of Business and Economic Affairs:** Benoit LaMontagne

**Office of the Governor:** Harold Parker

**Private Sector:**

BJ Perry

Timothy T. Egan

Laurence Gagnon, Chief of Staff of the Quebec Consulate

- 1.) Previous meeting minutes were authorized and accepted. Motion made at accept by Rep Shurtleff 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Egan, attendance record corrected to indicate BJ Perry, Tim Egan Rep DiSilvestro were absent. Those absent abstained including Sen Pearl.
- 2.) House Legal Counsel Atty Jim Cianci addressed the Council to help us understand notice, quorum, record keeping for NHCTC subcommittee meetings.
- 3.) Rep Wall discussed posting of agenda and minutes for subcommittees.
- 4.) Secretary Scanlan suggested in lieu of forming and acting as subcommittee, that small working groups or individuals council members do these activities and report back to the full council. Therefore, future and current subcommittees have been abolished.
- 5.) Benoit Lamontage, Reps Massimilla and DiSilvestro, and Tim Egan gathered informally to discuss enhanced activity in Canada. Benoit informed the group his department has hired a consultant to help facilitate engagement with the Maritimes and Canadian provinces. Yarmouth NS August 10-18<sup>th</sup> is next conference: Congr s Mondial Acadien. Beno working with the Quebec Economic Development Director.
- 6.) Tim Egan suggested we might hold an additional event to collaborate with NE Canadian Business Council, BJ Perry also investigating best option attendance <https://cma2024.ca/en/cma-2024/news/one-year-before-the-congres-mondial-acadien-2024-unveils-more-programming-details>

- 7.) Invitation to be extended to new Boston-based Canadian Consul General Bernadette Jordan to attend our next meeting or some subsequent meeting
- 8.) Discussion continued about the 2024 Summit, Rep McGough to chair and head logistics arrangements for Manchester-based gathering in late 2024, likely October 10/16-18. Featured technology and business partners being sourced now for participation to include ARMI again, and others. Merrimack Outlets, Statehouse Tour, technology visits. Will report back at Feb meeting.
- 9.) Discussion about the location for the North Country summit. Absent Representatives to provide a report at the next meeting with possible plan for April 2024 Norther NH gathering.
- 10.) Rep Wall requested report of Maritime subcommittee – no report due to lack of meeting due to illness.
- 11.) Rep Massimilla reports that a North Country meeting is pending, and further discussions will be held.
- 12.) NH Quebec Event – tentatively scheduled for next Fall, subcommittee should be formed by Feb. meeting, tentatively 10/16-18
- 13.) Sister City planning to be passed along to Mayoral offices. This discussion tabled indefinitely by the Council
- 14.) Benoit and Tim volunteered so far, need some more. Rep McGough will negotiate hotel with Residence Inn, Manchester, plan tentative Schedule of events, budget.
- 15.) Requesting more volunteers for upcoming meeting planning

Moved to adjourn by Rep. McGough, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BJ Perry approved. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 3:10 pm

Next meeting 2/12/23 2pm, Location TBD