



Canadian Association of Tour Operators

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**



**VIRTUAL**

Thursday, August 17, 2023

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

<b>Attendees:</b> Brett Walker, David Green, Jean Hébert	<b>Absent:</b> Richard Edwards
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<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion – Decision - Action</b>
1. The Minister's orders about the changes at TICO	<p>The executive director provides an update on the Funding Review at TICO. He provided the information about the Minister’s orders (copy attached).</p>  <p>J Hebert CATO August 11 2023 FINA</p> <p>He mentioned that the changes at the TICO board composition is not a surprise, it was expected and is aligned with the same decision made for another AA (OMVIC). The conflict of interest that has been prevailing for decades is now resolved. It also provides a better balance between representation on the board and the creation of an industry advisory Council will be more efficient for the industry. We will have to make sure we’ll have CATO’s representatives on that Council.</p> <p>He also proposed the approval of a media release (copy attached) in reaction of the Minister’s orders.</p>  <p>CATO Media Release August 22, 2023.pdf</p> <p>The media release is approved. An advance copy will be sent to all CATO’s members.</p>
2. CATO's Motion at TICO's AGM (attached)	<p>The Chair tabled a proposed motion (copy attached) for consideration and approval before it is submitted to TICO for inclusion on the agenda of the September 26 TICO’s AGM.</p> <p>The proposed motion is approved.</p>
3. Update on the EIA and next steps	<p>The ED reported that the contract with BDO was signed and a kick off meeting is expected in the week of August 28.</p>
4. Adjournment	12:45 PM