

Present: Darlene Hollstein (Chair), Capt (N) Luc Cassivi, Tom Roemer, Gary Kinar, Lori Muñoz, Sang-Kiet Ly, Ryan Burles, John Wilson, Rose Arsenault, Nigel Brown, Kathleen Burton, Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, John Espley, Richard Van Leeuwen, Bruce Carter (CEO)

Regrets: Frank Bourrée, Mark Smith

1) Motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Moved by Gary Kinar
Seconded by Tom Roemer
Carried

2) Motion to approve minutes of August 2013 Board of Directors.

Moved by Rose Arsenault
Seconded by Kathleen Burton
Carried

3) Acceptance of the August Financial Statements

Moved by Dan Dagg
Seconded by Tom Roemer
Carried

4) Chair's Remarks

a) Parking

The City of Victoria staff have a parking committee and the Chamber will be represented by the Chair on that committee. The Chair will endeavour to keep the board informed as the committee progresses.

b) Bus Lanes

The Mayor of the City of Victoria reacted favourably to the input by the Chamber and GVDA. A new plan has been proposed to Transit to that utilizes parking areas in off peak times to increase transport capacity.

c) Election Update

First round of election speeches will take place October 3rd. All board members are encouraged to attend.

5) Multi Materials BC – Campaign

Letter writing campaign has been underway with limited result. There have only been 60 letters sent by our members. Staff will continue to promote.

6) BC Ferries - Campaign

Letter approved at last board meeting has been sent to the Minister but the campaign has not yet started due to conflict with the Multi-Materials BC Campaign. We will contact the ministry to determine if the time is available

7) Board Succession

Board members were encourage to consider future positions on the chamber board as committees and Executive position will be revisited as part of the election process.

8) Police Board

Chamber sent a letter to the Justice Minister concerning the termination of four Police Board Provincial Appointees.

9) BC Transit Tax Increase

The large increases proposed by BC Transit were noted. It was also noted that the commercial multiple for transit is five times. This issue was referred to the Policy Committee.

10) UBCM Finance paper

A finance paper proposing that municipalities gain access to new revenue sources over and above property taxes was approved. This report, written in part by Frank Leonard, focuses on new sources of revenue and does not sufficiently identify cost savings options. Additionally the report recommends that all new revenue be in addition to property tax. Ideally municipalities would be less dependent on property taxes and more dependent on economic activity for their revenue rather than having property tax as base revenue with economic revenue as an extra.

11) CEO Report

a) Update 150th Anniversary

i. Sept 21 event

The event went well the attendance was not as great as expected.

ii. Sept 25 tree planting

Tree planting ceremonies are planned for tomorrow.

b) GVDA Trade Mission

The trade mission hosted by GVDA was a great success and GVDA's organizational prowess was noted by the ministry.

c) Chamber Staffing

New Manager of Policy has been identified and will start in the near future.

d) TD Merchant Services

TD and Canadian Chamber have not renewed the agreement to provide preferential rates to our members. We have 168 members on this program and they will continue to receive these rates for the foreseeable future. Staff will work to identify a suitable replacement program and will ensure Island Savings is approached.

e) Canadian Chamber

CEO will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada meeting in Kelowna this week. CEO will be completing his term as President of that Organization. The Chair will join the CEO for the Canadian Chamber AGM immediately following. The main focus this year is lobbying for support of our Marine Conservation Area Policy.

12) New Business

- a) Film commission receives sponsorship of approximately \$10,000 per year from the Chamber and the board should be more informed about the activities of this group. It was agreed this group and other stakeholders should be invited to present at our annual meeting.

13) Committee Reports – no discussion

- a) Executive Committee
- b) GVDA
- c) Policy
- d) Prodigy
- e) Finance and Audit
- f) Governance
- g) CI Task Force
- h) Tiered Membership Task Force

14) Standing Reports – no discussion

- a) Business Plan Tracking Sheet
- b) Events Registration
- c) Executive Dashboard
- d) Membership Report
- e) Board Attendance Report

15) In Camera Session

Support staff departed for in camera session.

Motion to Adjourn by Al Hasham

Next Meeting: October 22, 2013

Secretary

Chair

Date