

Present: Frank Bourrée (Chair), Al Hasham, John Wilson, Rose Arsenault, Kathleen Burton, Natasha Reger, Capt. (N) Luc Cassivi, Jared Webb, Darlene Hollstein, Richard Van Leeuwen, Sang-Kiet Ly, Ryan Burles, Mark Mawhinney, Mark Smith, Bruce Carter (CEO), Janet Crocker (Staff)

Regrets: Dan Dagg, Nigel Brown, Gary Kinar, Tom Roemer, Dee Govang

1) Additions to agenda

- a) Community Involvement committee added to new business
- b) MMBC to CEO report

Motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Moved by Mark Smith
Seconded by Jared Webb
Carried

2) Motion to approve February board minutes.

Moved by Darlene Hollstein
Seconded by Luc Cassivi
Carried

3) Motion to approve February Financial Statements

Committee reviewed February financial statements. Operating as expected, nothing of concern to report to board.

Moved by Sang Ly
Seconded by Al Hasham
Carried

4) Chairs Remarks

a. Natural Gas Rates

Significant win for the Chamber. Congratulated Bruce and Chamber team for their work on this issue.

b. Our Vibrant Communities

Positive movement. Working on candidates, training, surveying community and fundraising.

c. Minister Bond Meeting

Met with Minister Bond. Positive conversation, provided input on Canada Job Grant and Temporary Foreign Worker program

d. BC Ferries meeting

CEO and Chair met with Mike Corrigan. The Chamber is supportive of BC Ferries initiatives moving forward. BC Ferries indicated that they have no intention of making changes. Also discussed major routes that will have adjustments with summer. Input for next service plan is due by September 2014.

e. MMBC

Chamber was effective in reducing the number of businesses required to register with MMBC from 300,000 to 3,000. BC Chamber supports the government changes to the program, however, some industry feels that BC Chamber support MMBC. MMBC is one of seven stewardship agencies across Canada.

f. Motion to nominate Rose Arseneault as acting secretary.

Moved by Darlene Hollstein

Seconded by AL Hasham

Carried

g. WestShore Chamber

Reorganization at WestShore Chamber. Chamber extended support.

5) Appointments

a) BC Chamber nomination – Electronic vote results (Attached)

Board nominated Kyara Kahakauwila of LA Limousines, package was submitted to BC Chamber by deadline.

6) Sewage Treatment update

Esquimalt decision on McLaughlin Point rezoning application expected on April 7th.

Motion: To send an open letter to the Township of Esquimalt. Outlining that Seaterra is the best alternative solution and the risks to not proceeding. Ask the council to approve zoning.

Moved by Mark Mawhinney

Seconded by Sang Ly

Carried

7) City Land deal

Overview of City/Province land swap deal. City of Victoria swapped the Point Hope land for Crystal Garden plus three other properties. Positive move for Point Hope Shipyards, as it allows them to expand facilities.

8) Conference Centre/Tourism Victoria Funding

Conference business around the world is down and slow to grow. It will be difficult to grow Victoria's share of the business and the disposition of Crystal Gardens remains an unknown.

9) Harbour Development

Chamber developing harbour policies. Considerable work being done in the background on Bellville Terminal.

10) VIATeC move to Fort St.

Positive move to downtown location. Opening a tech incubator at this location.

11) Parking Strategy

City Parking Strategy- previously circulated to board. Chamber to meet with DVBA on parking. City released to media.

12) Finance and Audit Committee

- a) Audit Results (previously circulated by Grant Thornton)
 - i. Page 9 amendment (Attached)

Motion: To approve the 2013 Audited financial statements

Moved by Sang Ly
Seconded by Al Hasham
Carried

b) Cash Management Update

13) BC Chamber Conference – Richmond BC May 22-24

a) Chair, CEO, Policy Staff to attend

Conference is in Richmond, individual events are available for other members to attend.

14) Murray Rankin event May 26

Federal Small Business Critic will be in Victoria. Event is on May 26th.

15) CEO Report

a) Staffing

Have hired a temporary sales person. Project coordinator for GVDA will be hired next week.

b) Growth Package for businesses (Attached)

Created an upsell package for business. Board to review and provide feedback. Complete package may not be feasible and may consider breaking down the package.

c) Flower Count wrap up

Run by Butchart Gardens this year. They did a great job. The Chamber will continue to partner by promoting Flower Count next year.

d) BC Ferries Next Steps

Addressed above.

16) NEW BUSINESS

Community Involvement Committee- Bring back for discussion at mid-year retreat.

Information Items

17) Committee Reports

- a) Executive committee
- b) GVDA
- c) Policy
- d) Prodigy
- e) Finance and Audit
- f) Governance
- g) Our Vibrant Community

18) Standing Reports

- a) Events registration
- b) Executive Dashboard
- c) Membership Report
- d) Board Attendance Report

19) Additional information items

20) In Camera Session

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Sang Ly
Seconded by Mark Smith

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 22nd Chamber offices

Secretary

Chair

Date