



GREATER VICTORIA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday Sept 27, 2016

Chamber offices

7:30 – 9 am

Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Frank Bourree, Shaun Cerisano, Carmen Charette, Lise Gyorkos, Patricia Jelinski, Gary Kinar, Natasha Reger, Mark Smith, Kris Wirk, Sang-Kiet Ly, Troy MacDonald, Mark Mawhinney, John Wilson, Captain (Navy) Steve Waddell. Catherine Holt, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman, Peggy Kulmala  
Regrets: Carmen Charette, Mark Mawhinney, Natasha Reger.

1. Approval of amended Sept agenda  
**Motion to approve Sept agenda**  
**Moved by Lise Gyorkos**  
**Seconded by John Wilson**  
**Carried**

Prodigy Group to report on recent retreat

2. Approval of July minutes  
**Motion to approve July minutes**  
**Moved by Gary Kinar**  
**Seconded by Shaun Cerisano**  
**Carried**
3. Approval of Aug Financials  
**Motion to approve Aug financials**  
**Moved by Gary Kinar**  
**Seconded by Sang-Kiet Ly**  
**Carried**

Financial statements up Aug 31 shows \$26,973 profit, due in large part to investment and a positive market.

4. Chair's Remarks
  - Summer events went well. Chair and CEO met with BCLC, a boutique casino downtown still being planning
  - Think Local First may look for partnership with Chamber, under consideration
  - Barry Hobbis met with Chair looking for another ocean discovery centre in Nanaimo or Victoria
  - First of two CEOs Breakfast Sept 21 went well, good turnout. Great opportunity for stakeholder feedback.
  - First multi-stakeholder meeting with Mayor Helps, DVBA, TVic, and GVDA. Great format, very collaborative. This model replaces the separate monthly meetings with individual stakeholders.

5. CEO

- Board Election 11.5% response to date. Reminder notice going out today. Looking to 35%. Oct 4 noon
- Board Planning Session. Nov 17/18
- Regular interactions with SSIP, losing money every month administering the WD project. Spending ends Dec, wrap up reporting end March.
- Esquimalt Chamber Discussions. Number of meetings over August. Chamber Integration Committee reports that Esquimalt wants two permanent appointments to Chamber board to specifically ensure interests are represented. Chamber Board not comfortable changing governance. Offered appointment for two years, subject to election to follow.

**Motion to accept Memorandum of Agreement, with amendments as suggested.**

**Moved by Frank Bourree**

**Seconded by Shaun Cerisano**

**Carried**

**Motion to support this as final offer, will not entertain further changes or negotiations**

**Moved by Dan Dagg**

**Seconded by John Wilson**

**Carried**

- Business Awards – proposed new categories (attached). Changes in wording, eligibility categories, as well as timings and nomination process.
- Chamber now offering advertising opportunities for non-members, moving to member and non-member rate.
- TD Home Insurance Roll-out, launched in Sept. Starting with letters going out to those with 25+ employees.

6. Committee

- Governance
  - Bylaws, notification from Industry Canada one minor issue that needs to be addressed. Will present this item and the changes arising from the May AGM.
  - External appointment to GVHA – nominees due Oct 28. David Marshall wished to continue appointment. Another member has expressed interest. Governance Chair asks for any other interested members to contact her.
- Prodigy Group
  - TP the Town, this Saturday to benefit the Mustard Seed. Chair invites Board to support and participate. Opportunities also to purchase online.
  - Prodigy Group had its full retreat Sat preceding. Incoming VP Julia Livingstone, with Chair Shaun Cerisano.
  - Increasing number of guests attending Prodigy Group, those who do not have the power-authority to secure Chamber membership. Prodigy recommends membership category for just Prodigy, e.g. individual member. Chair requests Board to consider. CEO asks for proposal for next October board meeting.

7. Report from Captain (Navy) Steve Waddell, Base Commander CFB Esquimalt

- Base working with CRD regarding to access to DND land, equipment, etc. that surrounds the sewage site.
- Major infrastructure project rolling out, recapitalization of main jetties.
- Mandy Farmer newest honorary Captain.

**Motion to adjourn**

**Moved by Mark Smith**

**Seconded by Sang-Kiet Ly**

**Carried**

8. NEXT MEETING: Oct 25 27 at 7:30 a.m.

Mark Hawthorn  
Secretary

[Signature]  
Chair

Nov. 15, 2016  
Date

