

GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board Meeting
07:30 hours – 28 February 2012
(signed copy on file)

Present: John Espley (Chair), Rose Arsenault, Kathleen Burton, Frank Bourree, David Marshall, , Kimberley Hughes, Darlene Hollstein, Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Sang Ly, Bruce Carter (CEO), Sasha Angus (staff), Ellen Henry (staff)

Regrets: David Rand, John Wilson, Capt(N) Craig Barnes, Janell Karst, Jesse Szczepanowski, Mike Black

1) Motion to approve the meeting agenda

It was requested that the presentation on panhandling be removed from the agenda

Moved by David Marshall

Seconded by Dan Dagg

Carried

2) Motion to approve consent agenda, including minutes of January 24, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

A revision was requested to the minutes to reflect the motion to accept the nominees for the lifetime achievement award as proposed by the Chamber's Governors.

Moved by David Marshall

Seconded by Frank Bourree

Carried

3) Action Items from Previous Minutes

- There were no action items from the previous board minutes.

4) Prodigy Group Appointment

The Chair of the Chamber received the resignations from the board of Janell Karst and Jesse Szczepanowski, as past Chair and Chair of the Prodigy Group due to their relocation to Edmonton. The Chair and board passed along their thanks to Janell and Jesse's for their contribution to the Prodigy Group and Chamber.

Motion to appoint Lori Munoz to the Chamber Board

Moved by Al Hasham

Seconded by Rose Arsenault

Carried

5) Committee Business

a) Finance and Audit

Discussion centered on the Chamber's budget and finances, which were reported as being on track with the projections previously reported to the board.

b) Policy and Government Affairs

The Chair of the Committee reviewed the committee's activities and invited the members of the board refer any issues they consider important to the Chair or policy staff for the committee's consideration. The proposed Island Chamber Accord was presented to the board for consideration. Discussion centered on its merits in helping drive policy development and supporting the Chamber's advocacy efforts.

Motion to adopt the Island Chamber Accord as presented.

Moved by Kimberley Hughes

Seconded by Frank Bourree

Carried

c) Governance

The committee Chair reported back on the committee's discussions regarding appointments to the board. It was recommended that if necessary, the board consider appointing a lawyer to the board for the 2013 term. Further discussion centered on skills sets and industry representation that may be of benefit the board. It was recommended that Dr. Tom Roemer of Camosun College be appointed to the board.

Motion to appoint Tom Roemer to the Board of the Chamber until the end of the current term.

Moved by Kathleen Burton

Seconded by Dan Dagg

Carried

Further discussion centered on the Chamber's appointments to external boards and the protocols that are in place regarding board reporting and board confidentiality. A copy of the committee's 2012 work plan was presented for information to the board. It was recommended that an orientation session for the new appointees be held at the earliest opportunity.

d) Prodigy Group

It was reported that the Prodigy Group would be meeting to vote for a new Vice Chair. The successful candidate will be brought forward for appointment to the Chamber board.

e) Economic Development

Progress on the GVDA work plan and the upcoming Outlook 2012 breakfast was highlighted.

6) Items of Note

Discussion centered on the recent provincial budget and its positive aspects for the community including investment tax credits and the divestiture of provincial assets in the capital region. BC Ferries and the Chamber's efforts to organize a forum for stakeholder consultation on the major routes were also discussed. An update on the Airport Authority's master planning process was provided and the recent luncheon with Minister Pat Bell was discussed as a recent example of the collaboration between Chambers in the region.

7) Staff Report

The CEO outlined a few issues and items that are currently on the Chamber's priority list including steps being taken to help manage the Chamber's operations while the Operations Manager is on medical leave. Grant Thornton has completed the Chamber's audit and the conversion to the Chamber's new software system is moving forward. The new brand roll out for the Chamber has been very well received and there will be continuing efforts to finish the roll out over the coming months. An update on the Ambassadors program was provided regarding changes to the initiative and its scope. Feedback was solicited on the Chamber's new reporting format to the board and members were encouraged to contact the CEO with any items that they would like to see in the board reports. Flower count was highlighted as an upcoming event for the Chamber and its partners, everyone was encouraged to participate in this year's count.

Motion to Adjourn by Darlene Hollstein

Next Meeting: March 27th at 7:30 AM at the Chamber offices.

Secretary

Chair

Date