

GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board Meeting
11:30 hours – 26 June 2012

Present: John Espley (Chair), Rose Arseneault, Kathleen Burton, Kimberley Hughes, David Marshall, Darlene Hollstein, Frank Bourree, Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Tom Roemer, David Rand, Lori Munoz, Richard Van Leeuwen, Bruce Carter (CEO), Sasha Angus (staff)

Regrets: Sang Ly, John Wilson, Mike Black, Capt(N) Craig Baines

1) Motion to approve the meeting agenda

Moved by David Rand
Seconded by Dan Dagg
Carried

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

Moved by Frank Bourree
Seconded by David Rand
Carried

3) Membership Fee Increase

The Chair of the Finance Committee outlined the current membership fee structure and levels, and provided an overview of the impacts of the current levels of inflation to the Chamber's member fees.

Motion to increase the Chamber's membership fees by 4% effective September 1, 2012.

Moved by Frank Bourree
Seconded by Tom Roemer

Discussion

Discussion centered on the issue that the Chamber had not increased its fee structure to account for inflation in the previous three years, and the option for the Chamber to return to the existing policy of adjusting membership rates annually by the rate of inflation.

Amendment to the motion: to replace "4%" with "by the rate of the consumer price index (CPI)"

Moved by David Rand
Seconded by No Seconder

The amendment to the resolution failed

Vote on the original motion as presented did not carry

Motion to reconsider the previous motion

Moved by Frank Bourree
Seconded by Dan Dagg
Carried

Motion to increase the Chamber's membership fees by 4% effective September 1, 2012.

Moved by Frank Bourree
Seconded by Tom Roemer

Amendment to the motion: to replace "4%" with "2%"

Moved by David Marshall
Seconded by Kimberley Hughes
Carried

Vote on the motion as amended
Carried

4) Committee Resolutions

a) Prodigy Group

The board liaison to the Prodigy Group committee reported on the outcomes of the Prodigy Group review and highlighted many of the positive outcomes the Prodigy Group has been able to achieve. Discussion centered on the relationship between the Prodigy Group brand and the Chamber brand, including future opportunities for strengthening communications as well as the recommendations in the CEO report to the board.

Motion to accept the CEO Prodigy Group report recommendation #2 and empower the CEO to agree upon resource allocation with the Prodigy Group committee as appropriate.

Moved by David Marshall
Seconded by Tom Roemer
Carried

5) Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia (TIABC)

The CEO briefed the board on a request from TIABC to help promote tourism in the province and to assist in raising awareness about TIABC, including communications to members and stakeholders. The CEO advised that there was no monetary requirement on behalf of the Chamber.

6) RRSP and PRPPs

The CEO briefed the board on upcoming federal legislation that will enable companies to develop new retirement planning options called "Pooled Registered Pension Plans" for their employees.

7) Annual Planning Session

The Vice Chair outlined a series of options for the board's consideration with regards to the Chamber's annual planning activities for the fall of 2012.

8) New Business

The board discussed the new Micro Business Training Program announced by the BC Chamber. The board requested that the CEO approach the BC Chamber for more information on the nature of the program and its administration. It was also requested that staff survey board members as to their preferences in receiving board materials as to cut down on the amount of paper generated by the Chamber.

Motion to Adjourn by Kimberley Hughes

Next Meeting: July 24th at 7:30 AM at the Chamber offices

Secretary

Chair

Date