

Present: Frank Bourrée (Vice Chair), Lori Muñoz, Sang-Kiet Ly, Ryan Burles, Mark Smith, John Wilson, Rose Arsenault, Nigel Brown, Kathleen Burton, Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, John Espley, Richard Van Leeuwen, Bruce Carter (CEO), Oriane Fort (staff)

Regrets: Darlene Hollstein (Chair), Capt (N) Luc Cassivi, Tom Roemer, Gary Kinar

1) Motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Moved by Dan Dagg
Seconded by Mark Smith
Carried

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

Moved by Al Hasham
Seconded by Mark Smith
Carried

3) Acceptance of the July Financial Statements

Moved by Dan Dagg
Seconded by Ryan Burles
Carried

4) Chair's Remarks

a) Parking

The Chamber suggested the city reduces its parking revenue expectations, and the results of the City of Victoria parking committee will be made public soon.

b) Bus Lanes

The Chamber has asked BC Transit for a block by block breakdown of the suggested transit plans, as each intersection in the downtown core is very different from one another.

c) Election Update

There have been eight nominations received to date, and at least one more is expected later today.

5) Our Vibrant Communities Proposal

The Our Vibrant Communities Task Force recommends moving forward with the creation of the Our Vibrant Communities Committee.

Motion to approve the creation of the Our Vibrant Communities Committee, including Terms of Reference

Moved by Dan Dagg
Seconded by John Espley
Carried

6) Multi Materials BC – Campaign

An email letter writing campaign being sent to Environment Minister Mary Polak was created to request that the new program for paper and printed packaging recycling be delayed, and asks for a reassessment of the new program overall.

Motion to approve the recycling regulation email letter writing campaign

Moved by Al Hasham
Seconded by Rose Arsenault
Carried

7) BC Ferries - Campaign

The Chamber wrote an open letter to Transportation Minister Todd Stone asking BC Ferries to present the public with a plan for BC Ferries' spending cuts before moving forward with further consultation.

Motion to approve the BC Ferries letter

Moved by Kathleen Burton
Seconded by Al Hasham
Carried

8) CEO Report

a) Update 150th Anniversary

i. Sept 21 event

The Chamber is hosting a community celebration with food, music, and family friendly activities in Centennial Square on Saturday, September 21st.

ii. Sept 25 tree planting

The Chamber will hold its Legacy Tree Planting on National Tree Day, September 25th in various locations throughout Greater Victoria. 150 trees will be planted and cared for by the CRD.

b) Manufacturing Committee – Update

The committee remains stalled.

c) Chamber Staffing

The Chamber has hired a new receptionist - Carmen Lundstrom, a new Membership Services Coordinator – Marielle Moodley, and a new Events & Communications Coordinator – Andrea Morris.

9) New Business

- a) A new event has been created, a candidate meet and greet, for the Board Elections so that the nominees can have a chance to address the membership.
- b) Canada's 150th Anniversary is coming up in 2017. If The Chamber plans on getting involved, it will have to start planning soon.

10) Committee Reports – no discussion

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

11) Standing Reports – no discussion

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

12) Additional information items

- a) GVHA AGM Report – Gary Kinar

Gary reiterated The Chamber's earlier position, that is supports a complete divestiture of the entire harbour to the GVHA, including the aerodrome, and supports a skills based board.

- b) BC Ferries/Shipbuilding Briefing Note

Lobbying in favour of subsidizing a single company or project would create an industry dependence on subsidies, however investing in key equipment to increase physical capacity could be very beneficial to the industry.

13) In Camera Session

Support staff departed for in camera session.

Motion to Adjourn by

Next Meeting: September 24, 2013

Secretary

Chair

Date