

Present: Darlene Hollstein (Chair), Frank Bourrée (Vice Chair), Dan Dagg, Lori Muñoz, Sang-Kiet Ly, John Espley, Ryan Burles, Mark Smith, Richard Van Leeuwen, Oriane Fort (staff), Linda Kitchen (staff), John Wilson, Rose Arsenault, Tom Roemer, Gary Kinar, Nigel Brown

Regrets: Bruce Carter (CEO), David Rand, Kathleen Burton, Al Hasham, Capt (N) Bob Auchterlonie

1) Motion to approve the meeting agenda as amended to add “Board Composition” as an additional item under Chair’s remarks.

Moved by John Espley
Seconded by Mark Smith
Carried

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

Moved by Frank Bourée
Seconded by John Espley
Carried

3) Acceptance of the March Financial Statements

Moved by Sang-Kiet Ly
Seconded by Richard Van Leeuwen
Carried

4) Chair’s Remarks

a) BC Chamber AGM

The Chamber had four policy wins, and one loss at the AGM. The Chair congratulated staff for these successes as well as John Juricic for his re-election to the BC Chamber board. There may be potential for including candidate speeches in this year’s board election, as this new approach seemed successful at the AGM.

b) Mayoral Address at AGM

The highlight of the Mayor’s speech was the announcement that Sage Baker will begin her two-year contract as the city’s Economic Development Officer on June 3rd. Her role is expected to focus on core revitalization, such as leading the harbour plan project.

c) EDC Economist

Peter Hall delivered a positive economic outlook, which is similar to sentiments expressed at Rendezvous Canada. His presentation suggests that 2013 will bring more stability and economic recovery. The Chair has heard positive feedback from a number of retailers as well.

d) July 23rd Mid-Year

Although the mid-year review session is typically in June, it has been rescheduled for July as the annual Golf Tournament is set for June 25th.

e) Board composition

David Rand has resigned from the board due to health reasons.

5) Business arising from last meeting

a) Board Appointments

- i) Completed: Gary Kinar and Nigel Brown appointed to the Board by email vote.

The Chair and board welcomed Gary and Nigel to the Board.

b) Food Challenge

- i) Reason/Process to choose Mustard Seed

The Great Canadian Food Fight was selected as a one-time participation event because it impacts the entire community, offers significant promotion of the region, is multi-sector, and supports 33 other non-profit charities throughout the community. It is already an established event that will require little staff support, and is supported by the Mayor of Victoria. Additionally, the Prodigy Group would like to align its membership to help provide support. The Task Force has only committed to helping this year, and will decide next year whether it plans to continue providing support for the event or for others.

6) Provincial Election

a) Greater Victoria Strategy

The Chamber will continue to connect with provincial Ministers to support policy recommendations and bring awareness to the region's concerns while remaining non-partisan. The Policy & Government Affairs Committee will present its post-election strategy following its next meeting in June.

b) Meeting with Tourism Victoria

The Chair and CEO meet with Tourism Victoria a few times per year to discuss strategy. Tourism Victoria's CEO Rob Gialloreto's last day will be June 28th, requiring a new Tourism liaison.

7) New Business

The Chair pointed out the divided sentiments on oil and pipelines at the BC Chamber AGM; some Chambers were making a case for environmental concern, while others were more focused on the potential economic benefits.

8) Committee Reports – no discussion

a) Executive Committee

- b) GVDA
- c) Policy – no meeting in April
- d) Prodigy
- e) Finance and Audit
- f) Governance
- g) Manufacturing
- h) CI Task Force

9) Standing Reports – no discussion

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

10) Additional information items

- a) Amalgamation Facts & Next Steps

Amalgamation was recognized as the highest priority at the last Board retreat, and has been on The Chamber's agenda since 1909; however, the environment has now changed. Amalgamation Yes' recommendation to begin with uniting five core municipalities could be an essential step; though, moving towards integrated services is key. Amalgamation will be discussed more thoroughly at the mid-year retreat.

- b) Vancouver Board of Trade

The Vancouver Board of Trade has joined the BC Chamber, which is a winning partnership for both organizations. Ian Black, President of the Vancouver Board of Trade attended the BC Chamber AGM where the announcement was made public.

11) In Camera Session

Support staff departed for in camera session.

Motion to Adjourn by Dan Dagg

Next Meeting: July 23, 2013 at the Delta Ocean Pointe Resort.

Secretary

Chair

Date