

Frank Bourree, Shaun Cerisano, Carmen Charette, Lise Gyorkos, Al Hasham, Patricia Jelinski, Kathy Khouri, Gary Kinar, Sang-Kiet Ly, Troy MacDonald, Mark Mawhinney, Natasha Reger, Mark Smith, Captain (Navy) Steve Waddell, John Wilson, Kris Wirk, Bruce Carter (CEO), Peggy Kulmala (Staff), Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff).

Regrets: Dan Dagg

1. Approval of the agenda

**Motion to approve February agenda**

**Moved by Mark Smith**

**Seconded by Patricia Jelinski**

**Carried**

2. Approval of January minutes

**Motion to approve January minutes**

**Moved by Gary Kinar**

**Seconded by Lise Gyorkos**

**Carried**

3. Chair's remarks

- Meeting with Mayor Helps went well, spoke about sewage, receptive to Chamber point of view.
- Vice and Chair met with Prodigy, adding new members. Chamber is going to set up an orientation meeting
- BC Leaders Dinner went well – over 900 attendees. Board attendance was high, worthwhile event.
- Chair and Manager of Policy conducted media training with Tartan – very valuable training.
- Chamber Week went well. Three seminars, three events – all well attended. Chair passes on appreciation to Chamber staff and volunteers for their hard work.
- Life Time Achievement Award judging went well, selected the Farmers.

4. CEO Search Update

Nomination Chair reports PFM engaged, ads in newsletter, social media. Private email address for responses. Cast wide net, Canada wide. We expect quality candidates

5. Committee/TF Reports

a. Governance Committee

- By-laws circulated previously, but changes made. Will recirculate for Board review in next meeting's agenda package. Expect to have Board approval next meeting to meet AGM deadlines
- VIEA nomination is 2-year term. Valuable initiative, conference is well attended – 700+. Board active throughout the year. Previous incumbent recommends South Island presence.

- Chair attended City of Victoria/CRD breakfast meeting for 100, three attendees, all Chamber members. Chamber supported event promotion via communication channels.
- City presented five plans, essentially only viable ones revolving around Rock Bay in some manner. Rock Bay makes use of current outfall at Clover Bay – means needs to go back and forth, which requires a 2 metre forced main (vs gravity), which means very heavy e.g. 3 or 4 metres deep and wide. As such, all existing services cannot be under (due to weight).
- Detailed geo-tech analysis has not yet been done. Construction may be in 100s of millions for pipe alone – not including economic impact due to “moat” around urban core.
- City/CRD indicated they plan on making an announcement next week.
- CEO sent email to every member of the committee voicing Chamber’s concern.
- CEO and Chair to meet with Mayor Helps on Friday.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

Chair report on Chamber integration – no updates. Esquimalt Board election coming up. Ball remains in Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce’s court

City’s move to create regulatory framework for medical marijuana. The Chamber remains concerned about the City’s initiative, and remains opposed to regulating illegal activity. Debate maybe a “dishonest” debate. Prescribed medicinal products are administered through established, regulated, licensed mechanisms, namely pharmacies. The Government of Canada has already established an alternative distribution channel. To suggest dispensing via over the counter retail is for medicinal purposes may be disingenuous.

The Board congratulates Mark Mawhinney on his appointment to the GVHA Board.

Captain (Navy) Waddell shares with the Board that:

- HMCS Winnipeg returns today from 8.5 months away, after circumnavigating the globe in support of Canada and her interests.
- HMCS Protectuer will be paid off and towed from Harbour on Wed
- He is looking for a day at sea for board members

## 12. NEXT MEETING:

- Tuesday March 22, 2016

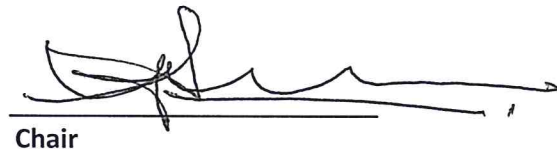
**Motion to adjourn meeting**

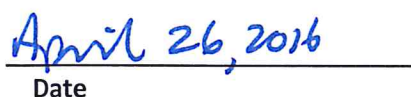
**Moved by Patricia Jelinski**

**Seconded by Mark Mawhinney**

**Carried**

  
Secretary

  
Chair

  
Date