

GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board Meeting
07:00 hours – 27 October 2009

Present: John Juricic (Chair), Margaret Lucas, Richard Gordon, David Vinnels, Rose Arsenault, Ray Kolla, John Espley, Dave Marshall, George Fuller, Mike Black, Gerry Brimacombe, Annie Wong Harrison, David Rand, Roger Skillings, Pauline Rafferty, Captain Marcel Halle, David Nicholson (arrived at 7:50)
Bruce Carter (CEO), Shannon Renault (staff)

2010 Board Members in Attendance: Dan Dagg, Mel Couvelier, Rob Bennett, Regan McGrath, Al Hasham

Regrets: Pauline Rafferty, David Nicholson

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM

1. **Motion to approve the agenda for the 2009 Board of Directors**
Moved by Ray Kolla
Seconded by Rose Arsenault
Carried

2. **Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2009 Board of Directors meeting.**
Moved by Dave Marshall
Seconded by Margaret Lucas
Carried

3. **Chair's Remarks**
The Chair welcomed the new members of the 2010 board of directors and explained the election process and results.

Motion to destroy the ballots of the election of the 2010 Board of Directors.
Moved by David Rand
Seconded by Mike Black
Carried

Motion to recess the 2009 Board of Directors meeting.
Moved by David Rand
Seconded by Rose Arsenault
Carried

4. The 2010 Chair called to order the meeting of the 2010 Board of Directors.
Motion to approve the 2010 meeting agenda
Moved by Dave Marshall
Seconded by Gerry Brimacombe
Carried

5. **Election of Officers**
John Juricic gave a report from the nominating committee as to the recommendations for the 2010 GVCC Executive Committee. The recommended slate of the committee was presented as:
 - George Fuller as Chair (automatic position through succession)
 - John Juricic as Past Chair (automatic position through succession)
 - Dave Marshall as Executive Vice Chair

- Ray Kolla as Treasurer
- Roger Skillings as Secretary
- Pauline Rafferty as Executive Member at Large

Motion to approve the report of the nominating committee and slate as presented.

Moved by Mel Couvelier

Seconded by Rob Bennett

Carried

The 2010 Chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. The request for nominations was repeated two more times, for a total of three calls for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the voting process moved on.

Motion to close nominations from the floor.

Moved by Roger Skillings

Seconded by Mike Black

Carried

The 2010 Executive Committee stands as presented.

6. Appointments to the 2010 Board

The Chair proposed the appointments of Capt. Marcel Halle as Base Commander and Regan McGrath as Chair of the Prodigy Group to the Board of Directors.

Motion to approve appointments as presented to the 2010 Board of Directors.

Moved by Dave Marshall

Seconded by Gerry Brimacombe

Carried

The CEO noted that the 2010 Board is permitted to make appointments to the board if they are concerned about skills gaps. The maximum number of board members permitted under chamber bylaws is twenty.

Any suggestions for appointments to the board should be brought forward through John Juricic as chair of the nominating committee.

Rose noted that there is a new chair of the Ambassadors Committee who may be open to a board appointment. Rose will make inquiries on this matter.

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the 2010 Board of Directors.

Moved by Rob Bennett

Seconded by Mike Black

Carried

The 2009 Board of Directors meeting was called back in session.

7. Appointments to Other Organizations

The Governance Committee circulated a paper on the process for external appointments from the Chamber for other committees.

Motion to approve the nomination of Lindalee Brougham as chamber rep to the Victoria Airport Authority.

Moved by David Rand

Seconded by Roger Skillings

Carried

8. Board Retreat

The 2010 board retreat agenda was included in the meeting package. The 2010 board was asked to review the agenda and provide any input to it.

9. Committee Reports

- a) Prodigy Group (report included in agenda)
Committee chair noted that he will be completed his term at the end of the year and thanked the board for the learning experience.
- b) Membership (report included in agenda)
There have been 10 referrals made through the membership drive so far. The board chair thanked Rose (committee chair) for her service on the Membership Committee as she has stated her intention of releasing that position next year.
- c) The Governance Committee has developed a report that was circulated with the agenda outlining the approach for appointing representatives to outside boards. Next year's Governance Committee will require new members as two 2009 members did not run for re-election to the 2010 board of directors
- d) Policy and Public Affairs
The PPA Committee met to discuss emerging issues and have identified a few items that may be moved forward as policy issues
 - Municipal taxation inequities and reform. This issue largely precipitated by the larger corporations in BC refusing to pay property taxes earlier this year but leads to the broader issue of looking at tax reform
 - How to engage more effectively with the municipal budgeting process
 - Greater engagement with Saanich and other municipalities
 - Regional issues of transportation and sewage treatmentThe Chamber Chair expressed appreciation for the work of the Policy and Public Affairs Committee.
- e) Finance and Audit
Chair gave credit to the CEO and Finance and Audit Committee for managing finances well through a difficult year.
CEO presented financial statements ending September 2009.
Motion to approve financial statements as presented.
Moved by Roger Skillings
Seconded by Mike Black
Carried
- f) The Chair of the Building Committee distributed the committee report and led a discussion on whether the Chamber should move forward with plans to purchase a building at this point.
 - The committee recommends that the GVCC re-negotiate our existing lease due to a \$28 thousand increase in operating expenses which would result if the chamber were to purchase an adequate building**Motion to accept the committee report**
Moved by Ray Kolla
Seconded by David Rand
Discussion followed on the report from the Building Committee. Chair commented that the context in which the work of the Building Committee was done was in consideration of revenue diversification

- Inquiries were made as to the cash flow effect if the down payment were increased
- A point was made that it is important to keep money in reserve
- It was noted that the issue of revenue diversification remains as one to be discussed by the 2010 board even if the chamber does not purchase a building at this point in time
- A concern was expressed regarding the accelerating cost of real estate and whether the chamber will be any more able to purchase a building in the future

The Chair called the vote.

Carried

10. 2010 Budget

The CEO presented projected budgets for both the Chamber and the Greater Victoria Development Agency and discussion proceeded on the presentations. The GVDA Chair noted that the governance, operations, and budgeting of the GVDA will be reviewed in the first three months of 2010 mandate.

Motion to 2010 budgets as presented.

Moved by Ray Kolla

Seconded by John Espley

Carried

The 2010 Chair, George Fuller, commended the 2009 Chair, John Juricic, on his work in strengthening the committee structure of the chamber through 2009.

11. Task Force Reports

The Task Force Reports were submitted in the board meeting package and questions were invited.

The need for discussing governance issues at external organizations as it relates to the GVCC Board of Directors was raised.

12. Presentation by Chief Constable Chadwick – Saanich Police

The Saanich Police Chief was welcomed to the Chamber. He made a presentation outlining Saanich’s perspective on regional policing, their department priorities, and the crime statistics for Saanich. The Chief Chadwick responded to questions from the chamber board regarding white collar crime, recidivism, and participation in regional police units.

Motion to adjourn at 8:48 AM

Moved by David Rand

Next board meeting will be November 24, 2009 at 7:30 AM at the chamber office.

Secretary

Chair

Date