

**GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**07:30 hours – 24 November 2009**

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**Present:** John Juricic (Chair), Margaret Lucas, David Vinnels, Rose Arsenault, John Espley, Dave Marshall, Mike Black, Gerry Brimacombe, Annie Wong Harrison, David Rand, Roger Skillings, Pauline Rafferty, David Nicholson, Bruce Carter (CEO), Shannon Renault (staff)

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

**Regrets:** Richard Gordon, Ray Kolla, George Fuller, Captain Marcel Halle,

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM

1. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
**Moved by** David Nicholson  
**Seconded by** David Rand  
**Carried**
  
2. **Motion to approve the minutes of the October 2009 Board of Directors meeting with amendments as discussed.**  
**Moved by** David Rand  
**Seconded by** David Nicholson  
**Carried**
  
3. **Chair's Remarks**
  - The Chair commented on the success of this year's auction. He encouraged board members to participate in social activities at the board retreat even though the retreat will take place in Victoria this year, and not out of town.
  
4. **No actions from previous minutes.**
  
5. **Chamber Board Appointments**
  - CEO outlined the process by which persons could be appointed to the board to fill skills gap
  - Possible appointees should be referred to David Marshall
  
6. **Community Courts**
  - Chair of Policy Committee explained what Community Courts are to new board members to ensure all members were aware of the concept's generalities
  - The Chair explained the pilot project for Community Courts underway in Vancouver and what the next steps for the province may be going forward
  - The DVBA is currently taking the lead on the project, having had Org-Aid do an introductory study on a possible project in Victoria involving a number of community stakeholders
  - The Chair of the Policy Committee and PDC will be attending the report brief to the Solicitor General and Attorney General
  - A full discussion took place around the board table regarding the process of Community Courts and the potential benefits of the concept

**Motion to approve support of the Community Court process in Victoria**  
**Moved by** David Marshall  
**Seconded by** David Nicholson

**Carried**

**7. Motion to move in camera**  
**Moved by** Pauline Rafferty  
**Seconded by** John Espley  
**Carried**

**8. Motion to rise and report**  
**Moved by** Pauline Rafferty  
**Seconded by** John Espley  
The Chair called the chamber staff in and thanked them for the excellent job done pulling together the Annual Auction and their work throughout the year.

**9. Committee Reports**

- Committee reports were dealt with by exception; the board was invited to ask question of anything not clear in the written reports included in board package
- Chair of Policy and Public Affairs Committee introduced the summary of policy issues for discussion at the board retreat
- Finance reports need to be sent as they were not included in board package

**10. Task Force Reports**

- An issue was raised on task force representation. It was pointed out that there is much conversation regarding a destination marketing fee and that the Chamber will likely be asked to provide a letter of support
- CEO will be meeting with The Victoria Tourism CEO to talk about marketing
- GVCC and BCCC are planning a conference call with COTA on this issue
- The Chair of the Governance Committee clarified the Chamber's approach regarding appointments to other boards
- One board member suggested that we would be discussing the process of appointments in more detail at the board retreat

**11. Board Retreat**

- Chair stated an expectation for the Board that each member be a member of a working committee and Board members noted that it is a board requirement

**12. Staff Reports**

- The CEO discussed retreat logistics
- The request from BC Ferries for a letter of support was raised
- There will be a meeting with Mayor Dean Fortin and stakeholders regarding the Johnson Street Bridge. Expect to have some questions outstanding addressed.
- Commented on newly announced federal funding for mooring dolphins

**Motion to adjourn at 8:45AM**

**Moved by David Rand**

Next board meeting will be January 26 at 7:30 AM at the chamber office.

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**Secretary**

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**Chair**

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**Date**