

GREATER VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board Meeting
07:00 hours – 26 February 2010

Present: George Fuller (Chair), Dave Marshall, Roger Skillings, Ray Kolla, John Espley, John Juricic, Pauline Rafferty, Regan McGrath, Mike Black, Gerry Brimacombe, Annie Wong Harrison, Rob Bennett, Captain Marcel Halle, Mel Couvelier, Dan Dagg, Al Hasham
Bruce Carter (CEO), Shannon Renault (staff)

Regrets: Rose Arsenault, Ray Kolla, Mel Couvelier

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM

1. Motion to approve the meeting agenda

Moved by Pauline Rafferty

Seconded by Dave Marshall

Carried

2. Motion to approve the minutes of January 2010 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by Dave Marshall

Seconded by Rob Bennett

Carried

3. Chair's Remarks

- Chair expressed that he is pleased with how the committee structure that was established last year and has been carrying on this year. It works well keeping the chamber engaged in issues
- In that spirit of engagement, have invited the Mayor of Victoria for today's meeting and will keep time open for his comments at 8:30

4. Policy on External Appointments

- The policy on external appointment for the chamber was introduced by Dave Marshall and board discussion was welcomed.

Motion to approve policy on external appointments as presented

Moved by Pauline Rafferty

Seconded by Dan Dagg

Carried

5. BC Chamber Governance Vote

- The vote for members of the BC Chamber on by-law and governance chamber was introduced and outlined by the CEO, who also provided a synopsis of the relationship between local chamber and the BC Chamber.

Motion to support the changes to the BC Chamber by-laws as presented.

Moved by Pauline Rafferty

Seconded by John Espley

Carried

6. Board Appointment – Prodigy Group Past Chair

- The Executive Committee met this past month and talked about the gap analysis of the board's construct. The Committee suggested that the past chair of Prodigy Group be appointed to the Board of Directors for a year in his or her past chair

Motion to the past chair of the Prodigy Group be appointed to the chamber board of directors effective immediately.

Moved by Dave Marshall

Seconded by Marcel Halle

Carried

7. In Camera Session – CEO Compensation

Motion to move in camera

Moved by Rob Bennett

Seconded by Pauline Rafferty

Carried

Motion to leave in camera session

Moved by David Marshall

Seconded by John Espley

Carried

8. Prodigy Group Budget

- The Chair of the Prodigy Group presented their committee's budget for discussion and approval.

Motion to approve Prodigy Group budget as presented

Moved by Mike Black

Seconded by Rob Bennett

Carried

9. Guest Mayor Dean Fortin

- Mayor Dean Fortin spoke to the Chamber, outlining some of the primary issues the City is dealing with that are a concern to business including the business to residential tax rate, downtown policing, the CREST phone system, the City's bid for Traveller's Inns, and issues related to homelessness.
- The Mayor indicated that he is seeking feedback from the business community on their perception of how homelessness is or has changed in terms of the impact on their businesses.

10. Committee Reports

a) Prodigy Group

The terms of reference for Prodigy Group have been tabled until the next meeting.

b) Finance and Audit

Motion to approve the lease proposal as presented

Moved by Rob Bennett

Seconded by Gerry Brimacombe

Carried

- The committee chair noted that we need to find a new auditor for next year due to company changes at our previous auditing firm. The contract will go to RFP at

the end of this year's audit. Will move to appoint auditor at a chamber event in the year.

- Financial Statements were presented by Rob Bennett.

Motion to approve the January financial statement as presented

Moved by Rob Bennett

Seconded by Pauline Rafferty

Carried

c) Policy and Public Affairs

- The chair of the committee discussed recent work and presented a policy on Stable and Predictable Funding for Destination Marketing Organizations for board approval.

Motion to approve the policy titled "Stable and Predictable Funding for Provincial and Regional Destination Marketing Organizations" as presented.

Moved by Pauline Rafferty

Seconded by John Espley

Carried

d) Environmental Task Force

- The co-chair of the task force outlined their report and presented their recommendation that the Task Force become a sub-committee of the Policy and Public Affairs Committee
- The Chair of the PPA suggested the issue be referred to PPA to establish the sub-committee mechanism with their terms of reference

Motion to approve charging the Policy and Public Affairs Committee with developing a sub-committee structure for the Environmental Task Force.

Moved by Pauline Rafferty

Seconded by John Juricic

Carried

Motion to disband the Environmental Task Force

Moved by Dan Dagg

Seconded by Rob Bennett

Carried

Motion to adjourn at 9:27 AM

Moved by Roger Skillings

Next board meeting will be March 23, 2010 at 7:30 AM at the chamber office.

Secretary

Chair

Date