

Present: Dan Dagg, Natasha Reger, Capt.(Navy) Steve Waddell, Dee Govang, Gary Kinar, Al Hasham, Mark Mawhinney, Sang-Kiet Ly, Kathy Khouri, Bruce Carter (CEO), Frank Bourree (Chair), Nigel Brown, Patricia Jelinski, John Wilson, Peggy Kulmala (Staff), Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff), Jared Webb

Regrets: Kathleen Burton, Troy MacDonald, Tom Roemer.

1) Agenda

Move 7. a. Bylaw Changes to next meeting, and add Communications with the City of Victoria as 10b.

Motion to approve Sept agenda as amended

Moved by: Steve Waddell

Seconded by: Dan Dagg

Carried

2) July board minutes

Motion to approve July board minutes.

Moved by: Patricia Jelinski

Seconded by: Mark Smith

Carried

3) August financial statements

Anticipated \$40,000 deficit due to increased GVDA expenses and lower than expected membership sales. Chair indicated that although GVDA changes noted below are positive, it presents short-term fiscal challenges. Actual deficit depends on value of investment portfolio at fiscal end. Budget forecast for remainder of 2015 will be ready within two weeks.

Motion to approve August financial statements.

Moved by: Dee Govang

Seconded by: Dan Dagg

Carried

4) Chair's Remarks

The last few months have been busy. GVDA, Coalition to End Homelessness, our relationships with other Chambers, etc. Fall is shaping up to be just as busy if not more so. The Chair thanks the board for their hard work and commitment.

5) Finance items

CEO reports that an approx. \$40K transfer from Reserves may be necessary to fund previously approved capital items. For now Line of Credit is sufficient. Info item only.

6) Chamber Advisory Program update

RFP was issued, there were no suitable candidates. Natasha Reger, Committee Chair, reports they are exploring alternate options and partnerships.

Motion for Committee to update Board at Nov planning retreat

Moved by: Al Hasham
Seconded by: Gary Kinar
Carried

7) Governance Committee

- a. ~~Bylaw changes~~
b. Coalition to End Homelessness

Committee Chair indicated that Ian Batey will represent The Chamber on Coalition's Board.

- c. Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society
Chamber is presently without a representative. Committee to review interested parties and identify new representative that will best represent The Chamber's interests.
- d. Leaves of absence
Kathleen Burton on leave.

8) Nominating Committee

As Vice Chair is seeking re-election, he cannot sit on Nomination Committee. Chair is willing to sit, and has solicited former Chairs Darlene Hollstein and Dave Marshall. As Nigel is not seeking re-election, he was asked to sit on Nomination Committee.

Motion to form Nomination Committee consisting of Frank Bourree, Darlene Hollstein, Dave Marshall, and Nigel Brown.

Moved by: Dan Dagg
Seconded by: Dee Govang
Carried

9) Economic Development Update

Chair thanks Committee Chair, Dan Dagg, for his work helping with GVDA transition to external regional agency.

Dan Dagg, Committee Chair, reports:

- Met all Mayors in Spring, presented regional model
- Met 12 of 13 mayors plus rep from Southern Gulf Islands in Fall, to present new model, public-private partnership. Unanimously approved, attending mayors to present to their councils.
- Mayors Economic Summit planned for Nov 7
- Start-up anticipated April 1

10) Our Vibrant Community

- a. Municipal Monitoring

Committee Chair, John Wilson, reports:

- June and July reports complete
- Funding available for August and Sept.
- Expects pilot project to continue as sponsor funding permits.
- Intend to publish online as a community resource
- Value-added initiative, nil editorial content, all fact-based data.
- All information is from the City of Victoria, in the public domain. Anyone could initiate same project, and should come up with same result.

CEO reports that the promotion of initiative began in July in Business Matters, BizNews, online and via social media. There has not currently been any direct conversation with Mayor as yet.

Chair commends independent contractor on his work, and advised Board that due to Mayor rescheduling desired monthly meetings, there has been no opportunity to discuss.

b. The Chair stated communications with Mayor Helps – and vice versa – is a key aspect of our efforts to build an effective working relationship with the City of Victoria. That being said, The Chamber staff have a job to do, and their advocacy on behalf of the business community should not be constrained by concerns about negatively affecting that relationship.

Motion to proceed with Municipal Accountability Initiative, which includes communication plan with Mayor Helps.

**Moved by: Dee Govang
Seconded by: Dan Dagg
Carried**

- 11) Board election update
CEO reports 10 nominees for 6 positions. Voting is on track, with 11.1% of ballots received to date, two weeks prior to voting. The Election closes at noon on Oct 7.
- 12) McKenzie Interchange Project Stakeholder Liaison Group
Board approves Dee Govang as Chamber representative. Chamber staff to notify Liaison Group.
- 13) BC Chamber AGM Host 2017
CEO reports that the Victoria Chamber last hosted in 2009, at which time there were 400 attendees. Anticipated cost of \$20K for reception and ancillary costs. Board member agreed hosting would be good for region and for Chamber.

Motion for The Chamber to host BC Chamber AGM.

**Moved by: Dan Dagg
Seconded by: Patricia Jelenski
Carried**

- 14) CEO remarks
 - a. Candidate forums
All three forums have all candidates confirmed. Info item only
 - b. Office renovations
Renos almost complete. Info item only
- 15) In Camera Session
- 17) Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday Oct 27, 2015

Motion to go adjourn.

**Moved by: Dan Dagg
Seconded by: John Wilson
Carried**



Secretary



Chair



Date