

**THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Anvil Centre, New Westminster, BC

April 29, 2015

In attendance:	Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, President, New Westminster Councillor Corisa Bell, First Vice President, Maple Ridge Councillor Rick Glumac, Second Vice President, Port Moody Director Ray Boucher, FVRD Representative Councillor Jack Crompton, SLRD Representative Councillor Raymond Louie, Metro Vancouver Representative Director Dennis Adamson, Director at Large, FVRD Councillor Bruce Hayne, Director at Large, Surrey Councillor Jason Lum, Director at Large, Chilliwack Councillor Chris Wilson, Director at Large, City of Coquitlam Joslyn Young, Executive & Association Services Coordinator
Unable to attend:	Mayor Patricia Heintzman, Past President, Squamish

President Puchmayr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. AGENDA

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the agenda for the April 29 meeting be adopted as circulated.

2. MINUTES

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Minutes from the March 25, 2015 meeting be approved.

3. REPORTS

a. President's Report

President Puchmayr provided an update on recent activities, including his attendance at the April UBCM Committee and Executive meetings in Victoria, BC. The agenda included various meetings with ministers for UBCM's annual Advocacy Days program as well as a special meeting with Minister Oakes. In addition to the UBCM meetings, President Puchmayr also attended the Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments annual conference in Nakusp, BC. He provided an overview of topics of high interest in the area and reported that they are updating their resolutions process to include a ranking system, although all resolutions will still be forwarded on to UBCM. To conclude his last report as President, he

noted his appreciation of the diverse nature of the LMLGA Executive and the work they have accomplished together on partnerships such as CivX and the flood committee.

That report be received for information.

b. Flood Control and River Management Report

Councillor Lum provided an update on recent work of the Flood Committee including meetings with MLA's from the Lower Mainland in the past week – noting that they are very aware of our work with the Fraser Basin Council and the current plan. The plan includes three phases – an assessment of regional costs and vulnerabilities, sourcing funding and identifying what is being done and coordinating our responses. Securing the funding is proving to be a challenge. The Federal Government announced a National Disaster Mitigation Program in January with over \$180 million set aside for all provinces, but this funding does not cover infrastructure.

The next meeting of the Committee is currently scheduled for May 21.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

c. Staff Report

Staff provided a report on recent activities.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

4. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Area Association Revenue Comparisons

Staff provided a report outlining comparative data of member dues for all Area Associations in BC, as well as a comprehensive overview of current LMLGA staffing costs and member dues.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That discussion on this matter be referred to the LMLGA Executive Visioning Session, expected to take place this summer.

5. CONVENTION

a. Prayer at Public Meetings

Staff presented a report on prayers at public meetings in Canada that included an update from the Supreme Court of Canada. Discussion ensued on this issue with various options being discussed.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the prayer/grace before dinner be removed from the LMLGA conference and AGM program.

b. LMLGA Twitter Handle

Staff provided the LMLGA Twitter account information and requested that members of the Executive determine who would update it during the upcoming conference.

It was determined that Councillor Crompton would set up the LMLGA Twitter account to automatically re-tweet comments using the #lmlga2015 hashtag.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

c. 2015 Convention Program – As of April 23

Staff provided the Executive with the most current version of the 2015 conference agenda.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

d. Executive Responsibilities

Councillor Puchmayr presented the draft schedule of on-site Executive Responsibilities for the upcoming conference. After reviewing individuals' schedules, a few minor adjustments were made and the responsibilities list finalized.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

e. Nominations to LMLGA Executive

As Mayor Heintzman was unable to attend the meeting, staff presented the list of nominees received by the deadline.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

f. Convention Update – Rare Affairs

Sherryl Parsons from Rare Affairs provided an update on current conference financials, accommodations and catering. She also advised that the tradeshow is sold out and that we exceeded our sponsorship goals. While sponsorship is in good shape, she noted that some sponsors are attending as delegates, rather than sponsoring the conference, and that the Executive may want to review their registration policies and fees.

The Executive requested that a review of registration fees and policies be included on the Visioning Session agenda.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

6. POLICY

a. CivX 2015 – Topic Discussion

The second CivX event planned for November 2015 will again be planned and managed in cooperation with CivicInfo BC. Staff reported out on preliminary meetings with CivicInfo on possible subject matter for the 2015 event. Discussion on areas of interest to member local governments and the opportunity to build upon learnings from the last event resulted in a preference for the following topics: civic engagement, open data and hosting a hackathon.

Staff will work with CivicInfo on further developing these options.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

b. Provincial Response to 2014 Resolutions

Staff provided a copy of the provincial responses to LMLGA resolutions endorsed at the UBCM convention in 2014.

A motion was ADOPTED:

The the report be received for information.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Bell noted that members of the Executive, and the membership itself, seem to have differing views on the appropriate advocacy approach LMLGA should take. Councillor Bell offered to write and distribute a survey to the membership, which was followed up by a lengthy discussion including the types of questions that could be asked, terms of reference already in place and budgetary concerns.

A motion was DEFEATED:

That a survey be distributed asking the question, "Would you like to see LMLGA take on a greater role in advocacy?"

Against:

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
Director Ray Boucher
Councillor Jack Crompton
Councillor Raymond Louie
Director Dennis Adamson
Councillor Bruce Hayne
Councillor Jason Lum
Councillor Chris Wilson

For:

Councillor Corisa Bell
Councillor Rick Glumac

9. NEXT MEETINGS

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive is scheduled for June 17, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
President

Joslyn Young
Executive & Association Services Coordinator