

**THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE MEETING**  
**Metro Vancouver Offices, Burnaby, BC**  
**September 14, 2016**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Corisa Bell, President  
Councillor Rick Glumac, First VP  
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, Past President  
Mayor Wilfried Vicktor, Director at Large (via phone)  
Councillor Angie Quaale, Township of Langley  
Councillor Tom Gill, City of Surrey  
Councillor Sue Attrill, City of Chilliwack  
Director Ray Boucher, FVRD  
Joslyn Young, Executive & Association Services Coordinator

**Unable to attend:**

Councillor Raymond Louie, Metro RD  
Councillor Jason Lum, Second VP

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President Bell called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**1. AGENDA**

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the agenda for the September 14, 2016 meeting be adopted as circulated.

**2. MINUTES**

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Minutes from the June 15, 2016 meeting be approved.

**3. REPORTS**

President's Report

In place of the President's Report, the Executive had an impromptu discussion on plans for the 2017 convention. It was agreed that the "Big Conversations" format from 2016 should be

continued and that the planning committee should explore the idea of eliminating professional facilitators. Executive members shared their suggestions for conversation/workshop topics, which the Convention Sub-committee will draw from during their upcoming planning meetings.

In addition to conversation on the 2017 AGM, the idea of moving the monthly meeting around the Lower Mainland to board members' city halls, as long as it's still central, was met with support. It was agreed that the usual meeting room at Metro RD and the UBCM office boardroom could be incorporated into the mix. Cllr. Gill offered space at Surrey City Hall for the October meeting and the Executive agreed.

#### Flood Control and River Management Committee Report

Councillor Lum was unable to attend the meeting, so no report was received.

#### Staff Report

Staff provided a report on recent activities.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That report be received for information.

### **4. POLICY**

#### Community Representative Assignments

President Bell assigned each board member a at least three communities within the LMLGA membership that they are responsible for connecting with throughout the year. This is the second year community assignments have been implemented with a focus on capacity building. President Bell asked that each board member approach their assigned communities either by email, phone or in person and advised that she would email out a list of ideas on how to connect and what to share.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That report be received for information.

#### Resolutions Prioritization – Next Steps & Strategy

Staff presented results of the 2016 Resolutions Prioritization process where members in attendance at the AGM selected their top four resolutions. The results showed a total of five resolutions were of “top priority” to the membership:

1. DNA Downloading
2. Build Canada Grant Funding Program
3. Renewed Call for a National Housing Strategy
4. Amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act for Protection Against Renovictions
5. Payday Loans Regulation

The Executive discussed what the most effective next steps would be and agreed that the following Executive members would research and share speaking points with the Board, so that they would all be prepared to speak on the resolutions at the UBCM convention:

1. DNA Downloading – Director Ray Boucher
2. Build Canada Grant Funding Program – Councillor Raymond Louie (Cllr. Gill back up)
3. Renewed Call for a National Housing Strategy - Councillor Corisa Bell
4. Amendments to the Residential Tenancy Act for Protection Against Renovictions – Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
5. Payday Loans Regulation – Councillor Sue Attrill

It was also determined that staff would, with the assistance of Cllr. Jack Crompton, design and print a card outlining the LMLGA top priority resolutions for distribution at the UBCM convention. It was also decided that staff would endeavour to set up Minister meetings during the week of convention where these resolutions could be discussed.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That report be received for information.

### Bill 28

Councillor Chuck Puchmayr emailed the Executive in July 2016 asking for comments on Bill 28. He said, “*Whereas we do not meet again until September I want to gauge support of the LMLGA regarding asking the Minister to include the Local Government Act in any proposed legislation.*” Cllr. Puchmayr also shared a copy of the proposed legislation and his analysis of it. Nine votes in favour of taking action were received via email, so staff provided a report outlining the discussion and prepared the following recommendation:  
*That the Executive ask the Minister and the Official Opposition to seek an amendment to the legislation extending the permissive vacancy tax to those under the Community Charter.*

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Cllr. Puchmayr write a resolution on behalf of the Lower Mainland LGA regarding Bill 28 for submission to UBCM.

Opposed: Councillor Tom Gill

The following resolution was later submitted to UBCM:

*Whereas, BILL 28 – 2016 MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES (HOUSING PRIORITY INITIATIVES) AMENDMENT ACT amends the Vancouver Charter to permit (if they so desire) the City of Vancouver to create, impose and collect a tax on empty residential properties.*

*This creates a regulatory imbalance between the Vancouver Charter and the Local Government Act.*

*Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM seeks an amendment to the Local Government Act to expand the legislation to include all local governments in British Columbia.*

### MIABC Appointment

Staff provided some background on the MIABC appointment opportunity and requested that the Executive consider who may have the ability to commit to a two-year term on the MIABC Board.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Cllr. Jack Crompton be appointed to the MIABC board.

### Homelessness Action Plan

President Bell advised that Mayor Vicktor had been appointed to a homelessness task force that was created in the Fraser Valley. She also noted that she had received requests from Lower Mainland LGA members for leadership around this very important discussion on mental health, addiction and homelessness. As these issues are something that all communities face, she asked the Executive whether there was an appetite to step in to the conversation and take a leadership position.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That a Sub-committee be struck to address homelessness, mental health and additcion with the following members:

- Mayor Wilfried Vicktor
- Councillor Corisa Bell
- Councillor Chuck Puchmayr
- Councillor Angie Quaale
- Councillor Tom Gill
- Councillor Sue Attrill
- Director Ray Boucher

President Bell agreed to support the committee by looking at what the tri-city, FVRD and Metro committees have been doing and report out at the first meeting – date and time still to be determined.

## **5. EVENTS**

### CivX Sub-committee

Councillor Angie Quaale and President Bell met in advance of the board meeting to begin planning the next CivX event. Councillor Quaale recommended a topic on the “Shared Economy” and/or “Collaborative Consumption”. Possible workshop venues, marketing efforts, event date options and location/venue were also discussed. Staff was directed to invite CivX partner representative Todd Pugh of CivicInfo BC to a meeting in October to confirm the topic and further discuss event details.

### Invitation to Prime Minister

President Bell shared a copy of the invitation she sent to Prime Minister Trudeau requesting his attendance at the 2017 Lower Mainland LGA conference and AGM in Harrison Hot Springs.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

### Convention Follow-up

Councillor Glumac requested that the subject of post-convention follow-up be added to the agenda. Staff advised the Executive that convention presentations were now available on the LMLGA website, along with the Resolutions Disposition. There was some discussion on how to best utilize the facilitator notes collected during the Big Conversations. President Bell suggested that, as a first step, Executive members responsible for each Big Conversation transfer the facilitator notes from their session into electronic format to share with the Executive.

## **6. ADMINISTRATION**

### Financial Statements to August 2016

The financials to August 2016 were provided.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

## LMLGA Luncheon at UBCM

Staff provided a draft agenda and speaker notes for the upcoming UBCM luncheon for approval. It was noted that some Area Associations no longer allow candidate speeches or WoodWorks presentations. The Executive agreed to leave the agenda/speaker notes unchanged and to continue including speeches and awards presentations.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report be received for information.

## UBCM Contract

Due to a lack of time, the UBCM contract discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS**

Various letters were received on the Softwood Lumber Agreement. The original package of letters were not included in the Executive mail-out, so staff sent them out electronically after the meeting for comment.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None at this time.

## **9. NEXT MEETINGS**

It was noted that the next upcoming meeting, as currently scheduled, is: October 19, 2016. This meeting will be for the Convention and CivX Sub-committees only.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Councillor Corisa Bell  
President

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Joslyn Young  
Executive & Association Services Coordinator