

THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Township of Langley Civic Facility

Salmon River Room, fourth floor

20338 – 65 Avenue, Langley, BC

October 20, 2017

In attendance: Councillor Jason Lum, President – Chair
Councillor Rob Vagramov, Second Vice-President
Councillor Angie Quaale, Third Vice-President
Councillor Corisa Bell, Past President
Councillor Laura Dupont, Director at Large
Councillor Karen Elliott, Director at Large (*on the phone*)
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Director at Large
Director Ray Boucher, FVRD
Director Tony Rainbow, SLRD
Jamee Justason, Executive Coordinator

Unable to attend: Director Jack Crompton, First Vice-President
Councillor Raymond Louie, Metro RD

President Jason Lum called the meeting to order at 11:10am

1. AGENDA

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the agenda for the October 20, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated.

2. MINUTES

A motion was ADOPTED:

The Minutes from the September 27, 2017 Executive meeting be approved.

3. POLICY

a) Website Update

- The platform of the current LMLGA web site is too old to be updated with our new branding: Lower Mainland LGA. Also it was being hacked.
- In 2016, LMLGA sought quotes for updating the web site. All the proposals were over budget.

- Jason had some of his company staff work on building a new web site in Wordpress.
- Ideally, we want the new site to go live before CivX in the Spring of 2018.
- Once we launch the updated site we can put a call out to the LMLGA membership for new photos from their communities.

A motion was ADOPTED:

Moved to defer further discussion on the website until the October 21 planning meeting.

b) 2018 Meeting Date Selection

- The Committee agreed that the next meeting of the Executive will be on Friday, November 10. It will include a CivX Sub-Committee meeting at 9am and a Convention Sub-Committee meeting at 10am. Jamee Justason will confirm a location.
- The Committee agreed that the two Sub-Committees should have a telephone meeting on Friday, December 8. The CivX Sub-Committee meeting at 9am and a Convention Sub-Committee meeting at 10am.
- For 2018, the following dates shall be set for Executive Meetings. The third Friday of each month:
 - Friday, January 19
 - Friday, February 16
 - Friday, March 16 (Tony Rainbow away)
 - Friday, April 20 (May also require an additional meeting for Resolutions)
 - Wednesday, May 9 (Meeting prior to start of Convention)
 - Friday, June 15
 - Wednesday, September 12 (During UBCM Convention, following LMLGA Luncheon)
 - Friday, October 19
 - Friday, November 16
 - No meeting in July, August or December

A motion was ADOPTED:

Approved the 2018 meeting schedule of the third Friday of each month.

4. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATION

a) Financials Update

- Committee reviewed the financials for January – September 2017.
- Discussion about a possible reduced number of attendees at our Convention, because it is a local government election year. If this is the case, then we could see a drop in Convention revenue.
- Committee discussed taking no more than \$750 out of reserves to pay of the one-day planning session.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the spending of no more than \$750 for the one-day planning session be approved.

b) LMLGA Luncheon – 2017 UBCM Convention

- LMLGA made \$692.60 from the LMLGA Luncheon.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the report on the LMLGA Luncheon money be approved.

5. REPORTS

a) President's Report

- Jason Lum is busy with his work on the UBCM Executive.
- LMLGA will have to take a different/unique approach to advocacy, than that of UBCM, as we have fewer resources.
- UBCM's Advocacy Days with MLAs in Victoria will occur in February 2018.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the President's Report be approved.

b) Flood Control & River Management Committee Report

- A new provincial government could be a big game changer. The previous government was well aware of the flooding issue. Find out soon what the new government knows.
- Met with Jennifer Rice in the provincial government who is still there and well aware of the program.
- Important to have First Nations involved in flood management.
- At a recent C2C (Community to Community) meeting, First Nations created their own secretariat to bring forward their flooding issues.
- Question – Who would the secretariat bring their information back to? Jason Lum figures they will deliver it straight to the Province and the Feds. First Nations already have a unique relationship with the Feds.
- First Nations have a large voice with the Feds who have money to contribute for flood mitigation. Want to make sure we have our priorities aligned and hope the First Nations can champion the same group.
- It would be great to have their Secretariat attend an LMLGA meeting in the near future.
- Question - Is the Fraser Basin still active? Yes, they meet quarterly.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Flood Control & River Management Committee Report be approved.

c) Staff Report

- Staff is working on the transition process for BC's new *Societies Act*. This is on-going and due by November 2018.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Staff Report be approved.

6. SUB-COMMITTEES

a) 2018 Convention Theme Ideas

- Patrick Johnstone will join this committee
- Want to issue invitations to Prime Minister, Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing soon.

A motion was ADOPTED:

Defer discussion of theme until October 21 Planning Session.

b) 2018 CivX Theme Ideas & Date

- Patrick Johnstone will join this committee

A motion was ADOPTED:

Defer discussion of theme until October 21 Planning Session.

c) Civility Conference

- The Committee discussed holding a respectful behaviour or civility one-day conference in 2018.
- Angie Quaale reached out to Arjun Singh, Vice-Chair of LGLA (Local Government Leadership Academy) to determine if their group might be interested in co-hosting or helping to promote a civility conference.
- Singh expressed some interest and suggested LGLA may have some funding to provide. LGLA would like such an event to be a province-wide event, not just Lower Mainland focused.
- Looking for volunteers to create a working group that would come up with an outline for the event, e.g. theme and full day/half day event.
- This will be discussed further at the October 21 one-day planning session.

A motion was ADOPTED:

To continue the discussion at the October 21 Planning Session.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Natural Asset Management

- Natural Assets Management is the idea of valuing nature for the services it provides.
- The Town of Gibsons is a leader in this.
- Laura Dupont shared a copy of the LGMA's Exchange Magazine, Fall 2017 that discusses this issue in detail.
- Is this something LMLGA should champion? Could we bring this issue forward as an Executive sponsored resolution to Convention?

b) Exclusive Sponsorship Opportunities at LMLGA Convention

- There are no exclusive sponsorship opportunities at Convention.
- All sponsorship opportunities are posted on the web site

8. NEXT MEETING

- Saturday, October 21, 1:00pm – 5:45pm, One-Day Planning Meeting & Dinner

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm

Councillor Jason Lum
President

Jamee Justason
Executive Coordinator