

**THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

The Gathering Place

200 – 2253 Leigh Square Place, Port Coquitlam

**November 9, 2018**

- In attendance:** Mayor Jack Crompton, President – Chair  
Mayor Rob Vagramov, First Vice-President  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Second Vice-President  
Councillor Laura Dupont, Third Vice-President  
Councillor Jason Lum, Past President (*on the phone*)  
Councillor Samantha Piper, Direct at Large (*on the phone*)  
Director Dennis Adamson, FVRD  
Jamee Justason, Executive Coordinator  
Sherryl Parsons, Rare Affairs (*arrived at noon*)  
Gordon Ruth, Auditor General for Local Government (*left at noon*)
- Unable to attend:** Tony Rainbow, SLRD
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President Jack Crompton called the meeting to order at 11:03am.

**1. AGENDA**

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the agenda for the November 9, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Minutes from the September 12, 2018 Executive meeting be approved as circulated.

That the Minutes from the October 26, 2018 Executive meeting be approved as circulated.

**3. AUDITOR GENERAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

a) Mr. Gordon Ruth – Presentation and Q&A

- The Auditor General for Local Government (AGLG) provided an overview of his work and some of the reports produced by his office. Spoke about the value of his work. For example the Procurement Booklet their office wrote is being used by the Provincial Government.
- CivicInfoBC did a survey for AGLG and the feedback was positive. There most positive responses from those LGs that had previously worked with the AGLG.

- The *Auditor General for Local Government Act* gives him a mandate to assist Local Governments in their operations.
- The AGLG strives to provide balanced audit reports, flagging both the good practices and those that need improvement.
- Currently working on a Clean Drinking Water booklet and on an Emergency Management booklet.
- When the AGLG audits a Local Government, they write the report in a manner that is useful for other Local Governments, not just the one being audited.

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the presentation from the Auditor General for Local Government

#### **4. EXECUTIVE VACANCIES**

##### a) Review Nomination Packages

- The Executive considered the eight applications received for the two Director at Large positions.
- After an extensive discussion the Executive chose:
  - Councillor Patricia Ross – City of Abbotsford
  - Councillor Chuck Puchmayr – City of New Westminster

A motion was ADOPTED:

To welcome the two newest members of the Executive. Staff will contact and inform the two newest members of the Executive and the unsuccessful candidates of the decisions made.

#### **5. 2019 AGM & CONVENTION PLANNING**

##### a) Ideas for theme, speakers, banquet entertainment etc.

- The Executive adjusted some of the prices for Convention, including:
  - A new non-member price of \$600 registration.
  - \$600 for a corporate member registration.
  - A higher Tradeshow Booth price of \$2,000, that will include to registrations.
  - Some of the extra funds raised can go to our Charitable Partner in 2019.
- We should invite the Auditor General for Local Government to present, for example on the topics of clean water and/or emergency management.
- AGLG may want a Trade Show booth to hand out information.
- Invite Harrison-Kent Search and Rescue to apply to be our 2019 charitable partner. They do good work locally.
- Banquet entertainment – some great local bands. Piper will look into this & email the group with options.
- Attempt to limit the number of concurrent sessions.

- Look at changing the format of some sessions, for example have them happen around a boardroom table for a more intimate feel and if there are fewer attendees, the room won't look half empty.
- Theme idea from last meeting: **Local Government: 201 Working with Other Governments**
- Want to divide the three days for each of the other levels of government:
  - Wednesday: Regional Districts focus.
    - Johnstone will lead the organization of this day.
    - Have a debate/panel with focus on the three Regional Districts in LMLGA.
    - The opening plenary can be a debate and have it start at 4pm on Wednesday (prior to opening ceremony).
    - Include Gordon Price in the debate. Other options if Price isn't available include: Charles Montgomery, Anthony Pearl and Patrick Condon.
    - Invite CBC's Justin McElroy to live tweet the debate as well as sing the LG song and hold a session.
  - Thursday: First Nations and Reconciliation focus
    - Vagramov and Piper will lead the organization of this day.
    - Focus on reconciliation.
    - Invite all the First Nations in the LMLGA geography to attend for one day with one complimentary registration and complimentary banquet ticket.
    - First Nations led tours – boat tour on the lake and bus tour up to hot springs.
    - Opening with a prayer and some dancers of the Stahlish First Nations in Harrison Hot Springs. Invite Chief Leon.
    - Sean Atlio's father would be a good speaker for this day.
  - Friday: Provincial & Federal Governments (higher levels of gov.) focus
    - Puchmayr to lead the organization of this day.
    - Extend the day to continue beyond the usual noon wrap up.
    - Call it "Minister's Day".
    - Invite the Premier to be our co-host of a BBQ lunch. Look into chartering a float plane to get the Premier and other Provincial Ministers from Victoria to Harrison Hot Springs to attend.
    - Have the Premier be the closing plenary keynote speaker.
- Next meeting will be a one hour conference call on Monday, December 3 at noon. Please be prepared to provide an update on your convention planning efforts.

#### b) Sponsorship and Tradeshow Update

- Sherryl provided an update on sponsorship and tradeshow applications.
- Great Canadian Gaming Corp. will be the banquet entertainment sponsor.
- CN will not be a keynote sponsor this year. They can only sponsor every other year.
- Have \$20,900 committed in sponsorship so far. Goal this year: \$60,000.

#### c) Convention Sub-Committee Meetings

- Going forward, there will be a sub-committee meeting at 10am, the hour prior to the 11am Executive meeting start times.

- Convention sub-committee this year is made up of the entire Executive.

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the 2019 Convention Planning report.

## **6. REPORTS**

### a) President's Report

- President Crompton did not provide an update this meeting.

### b) Flood Control and River Management Committee Report

- Councillor Lum did not provide an update this meeting.

### c) Staff Report

- Staff provided an update on efforts since the October Executive meeting.

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the Staff Report.

## **7. STAFF TRANSITION**

### a) An updated on staffing transition

- No update to provide.
- Executive members began an extensive discussion on the topic.

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the report on staff transition.

## **8. FINANCES**

### b) Financials as of September 30, 2018

- As of September 30, the LMLGA has made \$40,000 to add to its contingency fund.

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the report on financials.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

### a) UBCM Conveyance of Resolution 2018-B161

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the correspondence.

**10) OTHER BUSINESS**

No new business.

**b) NEXT MEETING**

- Monday, December 3 @ noon call

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

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Chair Jack Crompton  
President

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Jamee Justason  
Executive Coordinator