

MINUTES
THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING

Metro Vancouver Offices, Metro Tower III
4730 Kingsway, Burnaby

February 14, 2019

In attendance:

Mayor Jack Crompton, President – Chair
Mayor Rob Vagramov, First Vice-President
Councillor Laura Dupont, Third Vice-President
Councillor Jason Lum, Past President (via phone for first 10 minutes of meeting)
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, Director at Large
Councillor Patricia Ross, Director at Large
Mayor Mike Little, Metro Vancouver Representative
Councillor Jen Ford, SLRD Representative
Director Dennis Adamson, FVRD Representative
Sherryl Parsons, Rare Affairs
Shannon Story, Executive Director

Unable to attend:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Second Vice-President
Councillor Samantha Piper, Director at Large

Mayor Jack Crompton called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Mayor Jack Crompton acknowledged that this meeting is being held on Coast Salish territory.

1. AGENDA

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the agenda for the February 14, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended to include a discussion on the Executive Director contract.

2. DISCUSSION ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT

-A press release should be distributed announcing the new Executive Director.

3. 2019 AGM & CONVENTION PLANNING

a) Session Proposals

- Moved AGM a few years ago to afternoon. Seemed to work well
- Banquet entertainment is booked. It is a local band from Harrison Hot Springs
- The theme of the Conference is Local Government 201

- Good chance that the Premier will attend. Need him from approximately 11 am to 2 pm. **Councillor Puchmayr will confirm**
- Premier could do the closing keynote of 1 hour (including Q&A) and a BBQ lunch
- Could we get a storage room for luggage storage so that people don't leave when they have to check out of their hotel? **Sheryll Parsons to arrange**
- Speak to Arjun Singh, President of UBCM about possibly having himself and the Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to have a friendly debate. **Mayor Crompton to approach Arjun Singh**
- Put on a Panel to have a conversation on the future of transit in the Lower Mainland and regionally. **Mayor Vagramov to speak to Uber about sponsoring. Puchmayr to speak to the Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure about joining the panel.**
- Invite Andrew Weaver and Andrew Wilkinson to speak first thing in the morning on Friday
- Day one: Pre-Conference Session Walking Tour of Harrison Hot Springs of historical sites with First Nations representation. Do a video before the conference to promote it. Look into Kilby Historical Site as another option for the Pre-Conference tour/session. **Request that Councillor Piper contact the appropriate parties to look into the First Nations tour**
- Day One: Pre-Conference Session-have some sort of session inside the hotel. Something animated. Perhaps Telus Future of Technology or Surrey autonomous bus.
- Opening keynote: Gordon Price is not our opening keynote. We have money for a keynote speaker. Last year keynote was too long. Received negative comments from members
- Suggestion of Darryl Bricker, CEO of IPSOS Public Affairs (written books like The Big Shift, What Canadians Think About Almost Everything) as keynote speaker and buy all delegates a copy of his new book "Empty Planet: The Shock of Global Population Decline"
- Suggestion of media for keynote speaker such as Sam Cooper, Vaughn Palmer, Ian Hanomansing, Steven Quinn, Piya Chattopadhyay, Angela Sterat, Leslie Boldt, Patti Bacchus, Connie Walker, Jasmine Green, Linda Steele and Jody Ray Bennett. Looking for someone to speak on current events that are politically related, prefer diversity, want engaging
- Look into having Malcolm Brodie and Doug Maccallum speaking at some point during the conference
- Thursday should be focused on regional government. Discussed a panel on long term regional planning. TED TALK style. Five-10-minute presentations on the future of our region. The question will be "Where do we go from here?". Suggestions of participants such as Councillor Jason Lum, Patricia Heintzman, Mayor Kennedy Stewart, Ken Melamed, Councillor Patricia Ross, Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Diane Kalen-Sukra, Kalen Consulting, Mayor Brad West, Councillor Christine Boyle, Jason Blackman Wulff, Mayor Linda Buchanan and Raymond Louie. **Mayor Little, Councillor Ford and Mayor Crompton to take the lead.** Gordon Price moderates this session
- Add Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning to Thursday Single Session at 10:45 a.m. **Councillor Dupont to take the lead**
- Add a 15-minute session on gender diversity in politics during the opening presented by Councillor Ford and Mayor Little. Have longer session during CivX

- b) Registration Update
- 30 delegates registered to date
 - **Executive should go on and register for the conference**
 - Executive to stay overnight on Friday and do a board dinner and debrief
 - Friday night hotel will be covered by the Lower Mainland LGA
 - Executive to go to their prospective Councils and invite them to the conference
 - Executive to promote conference (**Mayor Vagramov to take the lead**)

4. ADVOCACY DAYS

- Suggestion to present concept to membership and then do Advocacy Days
- Do a small scale one in the spring before the Conference (late April or early May)
- **Mayor Crompton will draft a letter and then Councillor Puchmayr will bring forward to Victoria**
- Partner with Translink for Advocacy Days

5. REPORTS

a) President's Report

- Excited to develop the association further with the Executive Director
- Try the Prime Minister again to see if he can attend the conference

A motion was ADOPTED:

To receive the President's Report.

b) Executive Director Report

- Need to get Call for Nominations and Call for Resolutions out to membership as soon as possible. Current deadlines are as follows: March 15th for Resolutions and March 22nd for Nominations

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Executive Director look at the bylaws and discuss with UBCM whether we can extend dates for receipt of resolutions and nominations so that members have more time to submit

- Shannon Story will meet with UBCM over the next few weeks to do a transfer of knowledge session and discuss logistics of moving the association out of UBCM offices

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the President write a letter to UBCM requesting that they continue to do the finances for the Lower Mainland LGA and that if they decline that the Executive Director bring forward some recommendations to the Executive.

-Shannon Story discussed future location of Executive Meetings and asked preference for location

-Executive prefer holding meetings at Metro Vancouver offices. **Councillor Puchmayer to approach the Chair of Metro Vancouver Sav Dhaliwal in regards to holding future meetings at Metro Vancouver**

A motion was ADOPTED:
To receive the Staff Report.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

-Mayor Vagramov discussed sending some of the Executive to the South by Southwest Conference and Festival in Austin, Texas on a fact-finding mission to level up our conference. South by Southwest has involved into a political hub.

A motion was DEFEATED:

To send 1-3 members of the executive to South by Southwest 2019 in Austin, Texas.

-The Executive discussed inviting conference planners to explore how to improve the annual conference

-Mayor Crompton brought forward the suggestion of moving to a two-year term for the executive in order to have more consistency and knowledge

A motion was DEFEATED:


To move to a two-year term for the Executive.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** to be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 10 am. Location to be confirmed closer to date.

Future meetings to be held on a Wednesday of the month

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.



Chair Jack Crompton



Shannon Story, Executive Director

President