

MINUTES
THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE MEETING

Metro Vancouver Offices, Metro Tower III
4730 Kingsway, Burnaby

March 20, 2019

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 Samantha Piper, Director at Large
Councillor Patricia Ross, Director at Large
Mayor Mike Little, Metro Vancouver Representative
Director Dennis Adamson, FVRD Representative (via telephone)
Sherryl Parsons, Rare Affairs
Shannon Story, Executive Director

Unable to attend:

Councillor Jen Ford, SLRD Representative
Councillor Chuck Puchmayr, Director at Large
Councillor Jason Lum, Past President

J. Crompton called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.
J. Crompton recognized that the meeting is being held on Musqueam/Squamish territory.

1. AGENDA

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the agenda for the March 20, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended to include a discussion on a Metro/Mayor Joint Committee.

2. MINUTES

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Minutes from the February 14, 2019 Executive Meeting and the March 1, 2019 Executive Conference Call be approved.

3. 2019 AGM & CONVENTION PLANNING

a) Conference Program:

- R. Vagramov to send S. Parsons Uber connection**
- R. Vagramov to follow up on pre-conference session**
- No response received on Autobus
- Secure Telus Future Home for next conference in Whistler
- Electric car will be there on first day
- Board members could be there on first day doing some engagement opportunities
- S. Piper to look into some sort of walking tour**
- Most of the journalists put forward as a keynote speaker are above our price point
- Ask Minister Robinson to include discussion on the election campaign reforms and spending rules and how it went during the last election
- Debate will be on a hot topic that emerges from the resolutions or through the executive
- Collaborative for Advanced Landscape Planning have agreed to do a session at the conference. Executive asked that it be dynamic. L. Dupont will follow up with them to position the session to be interesting.
- Lisa Zwarn will do lunch and learn on Roberts Rules during the Delegates Lunch on Thursday
- Confirm Wilkinson attendance and invite an alternate to speak on behalf of the Green Party (S. Story)**
- Uber is feeling a bit uncomfortable with sponsoring the Future of Transit.
- Future of Transit: Jonathan Cote has been confirmed. **Confirm Claire Trevena, and Jordan Sturdy (S. Story to follow up). Minister Bowen back up for Minister Trevena.**
- J. Lunn to be active moderator**
- Need to know if Premier is attending. S. Parsons is following up.**
- J. Crompton to moderate Premier session
- Ask Justin McElroy to be a moderator for moderated discussion with Singh, Robinson and Dhaliwal. P. Johnstone to ask him. Panel session to be called "New Councils, New Directions?" Inquire into Justin MC'ing the whole last day.**
- 118 registrations for the conference to date

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the pre conference session be approved with or without sponsorship.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the top choices for key note speaker be 1) Darryl Plecas (P. Ross to reach out) 2) Mike Harcourt (J. Crompton to reach out 3) Douglas Coupland.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Gordon Price be confirmed for Ted Style Presentation on Thursday morning.
R. Johnstone to confirm.

And Further That Khelsilem (Dustin Rivers), Christine Boyle, Patricia Heinzman and Jason Lum be invited to participate in the panel entitled Regional Planning. How did we get here? Where do we go from here?

J. Crompton to take the lead. Second tier Val Litwin, Karen Elliott and Patricia Ross.

b) Sponsorship:

-Confirmed \$63,950.00 in sponsorship to date.

-Idea put forward of an additional level of sponsorship to go towards a community program (**R. Vagramov to bring forward a report**).

c) Charity Recipient:

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Honour House be chosen as the 2019 Charity Recipient for Annual Conference.

S. Parsons left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

d) Resolutions and Nominations:

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Jason Lum be appointed as Chair of the Nominations Committee.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That J. Crompton be appointed as Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

e) Resolutions put forward by the Executive:

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the following resolution be put forward by the executive to the annual resolutions session:

CALL TO ACTION ON GLOBAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Whereas the earth's global climate has now tipped into an arguably irreversible and critical path, bringing unprecedented weather extremes and causing catastrophic loss of life and costly damage to property, crops and livestock,

And whereas these extremes are challenging the habitability of vast regions of the earth due to rising oceans, repetitive flooding, drought and wildfire devastation,

And whereas an unprecedented and rapid rise in the extinction of our planet's species of plants, animals and indigenous cultures is causing an irreversible biodiversity crisis which is further accelerating the catastrophic impact to our planet,

And whereas the collapse of ecosystems threatens all life on earth,

And whereas the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change concluded that current levels of the greenhouse gases carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide in our atmosphere are higher than at any point over the past 800,000 years, and their ability to trap heat is changing our climate in multiple ways.

Therefore be it resolved that the Lower Mainland Local Government Association supports a call to action and asks all levels of Government to take dramatic steps toward the protection of biodiversity and to accelerate the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions which are a primary cause of this climate emergency.

4. FINANCIALS

a) 2018 Year End

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the 2018 Year End Financials be received.

b) 2019 Draft Budget

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the 2019 Draft Financials be approved and put forward to the AGM.

Opposed: Vagramov

c) Lower Mainland LGA Financial Checks and Balances

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Executive Director be directed to purchase Quick Books Book Keeping Program and engage the services of the accountant Gloria Addario to provide financial oversight for the Lower Mainland LGA at a cost not to exceed \$1,050 for 2019.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That travel expenses for the executive be paid out on quarterly basis.

d) Signing Authority

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Shannon Story be provided signing authority and UBCM taken off and that Shannon Story be authorized to apply for a Lower Mainland LGA credit card.

5. ADVOCACY DAYS

-Ask UBCM whether they can help us this year.

-Crompton, Vagramov, Dupont, Adamson and Ross will form an Advocacy Committee and do a small advocacy session in the spring.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Provincial Response to the 2018 Resolutions be receive and referred to Advocacy Days Committee.

7. REPORTS

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Executive Director written report be received.

A motion was ADOPTED:

-That the CivX working theme be changed to "Our Digital Future-Are We Ready?". Discuss further at next meeting. **P. Johnstone and S. Story to follow up with T. Pugh of Civic Info.**

8. OTHER BUSINESS

-land transfer tax

-how to split the tax revenue?

-Need for neutral body to discuss. Can Lower Mainland LGA be the host?

-Task force with Lower Mainland LGA/Metro Vancouver/Mayors Council

-multiple meetings over a year

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the Lower Mainland LGA Executive support the concept and send letter.

R. Vagramov to draft letter.

9. NEXT MEETING


-Please complete the Doodle Poll regarding the next meeting to go over resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.



Chair Jack Crompton
President



Shannon Story, Executive Director