



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

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#### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Zoom

**October 15, 2020**

#### **In attendance:**

Councillor Laura Dupont, President, Chair  
Mayor Jack Crompton, Past President  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, First Vice-President  
Councillor Jenna Stoner, Second Vice-President  
Councillor Patricia Ross, Third Vice-President  
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Director at Large  
Michie Vidal, Director at Large  
Paul Albrecht, Director at Large  
Karen Elliott, SLRD rep  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC  
Shannon Story, Executive Director

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L. Dupont called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

#### **1. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

L. Dupont recognized that the meeting is being held on the traditional territories of the Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Wauthuth First Nations. Other members of the executive recognized the traditional lands that they are on.

#### **2. AGENDA**

#### **A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the agenda for the October 15, 2020 meeting be adopted.

#### **3. MINUTES**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the minutes from the September 17th, 2020 Virtual Executive Meeting be approved.

**4. NEW EXECUTIVE CONTACT INFO**

S. Story stated that the new executive contact page was included in the meeting package.

Welcome to Karen Elliott as our new SLRD rep.

Dennis Adamson has stepped down from the board.

We are still waiting on a new Metro Vancouver and FVRD rep to be appointed.

**5. CIV X**

S. Story presented that:

- 7 sponsors now secured
- Session will be live but we will pre-tape sponsor plugs and them introducing the speakers
- Had a productive meeting today with Telus who is providing our virtual technology this morning
- Registration link is now live
- Event promotional flat sheet will be ready to go within the next day and a member email will go out.

T. Pugh presented that the agenda will look as follows:

*Monday November 23:*

- Justin McElroy (CBC) & Frances Bula (Globe & Mail)
- Bill Briscall, Rain City Housing Society. (The Homeless Crisis)

*Tuesday November 24:*

- Local Government Academic Panel (Alberto De Feo, UNBC; Allison Habkirk, Cap U / UVic; Deb Holden, SFU.)
- Perspectives from George Duncan, CAO, City of Richmond

*Wednesday November 25:*

- Multi-Party MLA Panel (Session is still TENTATIVE, pending the election outcome).
- Alternate Presenters: Police Act Reform (Panel); Business Community / Chamber of Commerce Views (Panel)

-Suggestions were made to add different perspectives to the RCMP panel.

T. Pugh left the meeting at 2: 25 pm

## **6. 2021 CONFERENCE**

-A discussion was held on the theme of the 2021 Convention and whether we should keep the same theme and program from the cancelled 2020 Convention.

-The consensus of the group was to keep some of the speakers from the 2020 conference but focus the conference on What now? Recovering from the pandemic. The opioid crisis topic and climate topics from 2020 would still be relevant.

-Suggestions were made to add the topics of disaggregated data and economic recovery.

-A discussion was held on hosting the conference virtually or in person or a hybrid of both.

**ACTION: S. Story to follow up with Harrison Hot Springs to explore holding two adjacent conference of under 50 people.**

## **7. 2021 PRIORITIES**

-A discussion was held regarding the 2021 organizational priorities

-The following ideas were discussed:

- Increasing our social media presence(Twitter?)
- Surveying our members on what they would like to see from our organization
- Continuing advocacy work

-S. Story stated that she is planning to budget for a strategic session to be held in early 2021 and a facilitator will be hired to run the session

J. Crompton entered the meeting at 3:22 pm.

## **8. REPORTS**

S. Story reported that the following has taken place since our last meeting:

- Have now secured \$14,500 in CivX sponsorship(7 sponsors)
- We will split this with CivicInfoBC minus any costs associated with the conference
- Held successful virtual AGM on September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Annual Report filed with Societies Registrar
- Working on contract with Westin Resort & Spa
- Updated website with new executive bios and photos
- Created and distributed post UBCM Member Newsletter

- Secured Lidstone & Company as sponsor for newsletter

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the Executive Director report be received.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the letter from the SLRD dated September 30, 2020 stating that Mayor Karen Elliott has been appointed to the executive as the SLRD representative be received.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

## **11. NEXT MEETING**

-The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3: 20 p.m.

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Chair Laura Dupont  
President



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Shannon Story, Executive Director