



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

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#### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Zoom

**September 17, 2020**

#### **In attendance:**

Councillor Laura Dupont, First Vice-President, Chair  
Mayor Jack Crompton, President  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, Second Vice-President  
Councillor Jenna Stoner, Third Vice-President  
Councillor Trish Mandewo, Director at Large  
Councillor Patricia Ross, Director at Large  
Michie Vidal, Director at Large  
Paul Albrecht, Director at Large  
Councillor Jason Lum, Past President  
Mayor Neil Belenkie, Metro Vancouver Representative  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC  
Shannon Story, Executive Director

#### **Unable to attend:**

Councillor Sam Piper, Director at Large  
Director Dennis Adamson, FVRD Representative  
Russell Mack, SLRD Representative

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L. Dupont called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

### **1. AGENDA**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the agenda for the September 17, 2020 meeting be adopted.

## **2. MINUTES**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the minutes from the June 17, 2020 Virtual Executive Meeting and the CivX Sub Committee Meeting of June 29th be approved.

## **2. WELCOME TO NEW EXECUTIVE**

L. Dupont welcomed Michie Vidal and Paul Albrecht to the executive.

## **4. CIV X**

S. Story presented that:

- The CivX Sub Committee Meeting was held on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- The theme and tagline are “Re-Imagine Local Government-Resilience, Revolution, Recovery: The Road Ahead”
- The event will be held virtually from November 23-25<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm each day
- \$12,500 in sponsorships secured
- We will have sponsor rooms before and after the speakers
- Telus will be providing the virtual platform as no cost.

T. Pugh presented that:

- there will be two speaker spots per day
- Justin McElroy has confirmed and potentially Justine Hunter. They are both journalists that focus on local government in BC
- An ask is into whomever will be the new President of the BC Chamber of Commerce to speak on “What Can Local Government Do to Support Economic Recovery?”
- On the Tuesday of CivX there will be an academic panel on “What is Happening in Local Government Themes”. The academic panel will include UNBC, Capilano U and Dalhousie
- The second session on the Tuesday will be George Duncan, the long time CAO of Richmond
- We are hoping to have a three-party panel on the third day
- We had asked Bowinn Ma to discuss reforms of the Police Act, but she declined
- Considering a presentation or panel on “First Nations Relations in Local Government Post Pandemic”
  
- A discussion was held re: cost of registration for event

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the 2020 virtual CivX event have free registration.

Opposed: P. Johnstone

T. Pugh left the meeting at 2: 28 pm

**5. AGM**

-S. Story presented that the Lower Mainland LGA will hold a short virtual AGM on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.

-There are currently 192 people registered

-J. Crompton will chair the meeting and J. Lum will do the Flood Committee Report and announce our next Executive

-Since everyone won via acclamation, there will be no voting for our executive

-We have decided that the resolutions will be adopted without formal vote unless J. Crompton senses that it is contentious. A text box will be used for Members to communicate

-Minister Dix has agreed to do a pre-recorded address to our membership although he may cancel should a provincial election be called

-UBCM ended up saying that we could get some last-minute sponsors, and therefore Shaw and Fortis were secured for \$1500 each. Their logo will be on the screen before and after the meeting and J. Crompton will thank them

-Thanks to UBCM, the AGM is not costing anything

**6. UBCM MINISTER MEETINGS**

-The Senior Executive held five meetings with Ministers on 9 topics this week

-The Meetings held were as follows:

- Meeting with Minister of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources on Increase Zero-Emission Vehicle Interim Targets, Zero-Emission Vehicle Mandate for Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles and Clean Energy Vehicle Program
- Meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on Strata Insurance and Stable Funding for BC Transit Services
- Meeting with the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure on Continued Expansion of Trans Canada Highway #1 and Future of Active Transportation Plan

- Meeting with Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture and Minister of Finance on COVID-19 Tourism Recovery
- Meeting with Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General on Flood Risk Mitigation Through Green Infrastructure and Natural Assets

-S. Story thanked all the leads on each topic and everyone that participated.

T. Mandewo joined the meeting at 2:41 pm

P. Johnstone left the meeting at 2:50 pm

J. Stoner left the meeting at 2:59 pm

-Minister Meeting follow up was discussed

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** follow up letters be sent to the Ministers offering the Lower Mainland LGA's assistance with moving our recommendations forward, and further;

**That** should an election be called that we wait to send the letters until a new cabinet has been announced.

**7. 2021 CONFERENCE**

-2021 Conference is currently booked to be held at Harrison Hot Springs from May 12-14, 2021

-There are three options: hold full conference in person, hold virtually or hold two back to back smaller conferences in person

-A decision needs to be made by sometime in January 2021.

**ACTION: Continue to discuss at future meetings.**

**8. 2022 CONFERENCE**

-the proposals received for conference facilities and hotel rooms for the 2022 Conference were discussed

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the 2022 Conference be held at the Westin Whistler Resort & Spa and that S. Story be authorized to enter a contract with the Westin based on the information provided in the report presented to the Executive.

**9. MANAGEMENT LETTER TO KPMG**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the Management Letter from S. Story to KPMG be received.

## **10. REPORTS**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

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

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the letter from the Fraser Valley Regional District dated September 10, 2020 regarding Dennis Adamson being re-appointed as the FVRD rep for 2020/2021 be received.

## **12. THANK YOU TO OUTGOING EXECUTIVE**

-L. Dupont thanked Jason Lum, Samantha Piper and Neil Belenkie for their dedication and service to the Lower Mainland LGA

## **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

-A discussion was held regarding how best to recognize First Nations lands while meeting virtually

-It was decided that the Chair will acknowledge the First Nations land that they are on and then will ask for a moment of silence for each meeting participant to consider the lands that they are on.

## **14. NEXT MEETING**

-The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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



Acting Chair Laura Dupont  
First Vice President



Shannon Story, Executive Director