



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

#### THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Zoom

June 17, 2021

#### In attendance:

Councillor Laura Dupont, President, Chair  
Mayor Jack Crompton, Past President  
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, First Vice-President  
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Second Vice-President  
Councillor Patricia Ross, Third Vice-President  
Councillor Michie Vidal, Director at Large  
Director Jen McCutcheon, Director at Large  
Mayor Karen Elliott, SLRD rep  
Councillor Chris Kloot, FVRD rep  
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Metro Vancouver rep  
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC  
Shannon Story, Executive Director

#### Unable to attend:

Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Director at Large

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

#### 1. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Executive recognized the traditional territories that they are located on.

#### 2. AGENDA

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

That the agenda for the June 17, 2021, meeting be adopted.

### **3. MINUTES**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

That the minutes from the May 6, 2021, Virtual Executive Meeting and the minutes from the May 13, 2021, AGM be approved.

### **4. WELCOME TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE**

L. Dupont welcomed Jen McCutcheon and Kiersten Duncan to the executive.

S. Story stated that an updated Executive List was included in the package.

### **5. 2021 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

The virtual conference had 173 attendees on Day 1, 61 on Day 2 and 532 on Day 3(103 from the Lower Mainland LGA registration and 429 from the Whistler Institute Registration).

Since the conference ended, 774 people have gone in and viewed the recorded sessions.

S. Story presented the 2021 Conference Financial Summary.

The expenses for the 2021 conference were \$6,755.11 The bulk of that was for the keynote speaker, Bob Joseph. As a comparison, at the 2018 conference, expenses were \$117,515.37.

The income for the 2021 conference was \$67,000.

The profit for 2021 was \$60,244.89. As a comparison, the profit for 2018 was \$26,946.05.

### **6. MEMBER SURVEY**

S. Story presented the results of the Member Survey.

T. Pugh entered the meeting at 2:46 pm.

### **7. CIVX**

A discussion was held regarding CivX 2021 including the format and theme.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the November 2021 CivX event be held in a virtual format to attract representation from across BC.

The group discussed themes and decided on something along the line of:

- Changing the Face of Democracy
- Changing the Face of Local Government
- Accessible Government

Session ideas included:

- Engagement-how do we reach more people.
- How do we convince more diverse people to run for local government?
- What is the Big Idea? Showcase your best, biggest, most successful initiative.
- Equity theme
- The Age of Access (partner with UBC/SFU)

**ACTION:** Executive to send any session ideas to S. Story. T. Pugh and S. Story to work on some session ideas for September meeting. S. Story to approach Telus regarding partnering with them again to use their virtual platform.

T. Pugh left the meeting at 3:21 pm.

## **8. UBCM MINISTER MEETINGS**

The executive would like to request the following UBCM Minister Meetings:

- 1) Speeding up Development Review Processes: Osborne/Eby
- 2) Local Government Act Changes Resolutions: Osborne
- 3) Taxation Resolutions: Robinson
- 4) Climate/Waste Management Resolutions: Heyman

**Action:** S. Story to request Minister Meetings on these topics.

## **9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

S. Story reported that the following has happened since the last meeting:

### **General**

- Sent survey to all members for completion (two all member emails)
- Completed 2021 Member Billing
- Filed Annual Report with Societies Registrar

- In discussions with facilitator Shannon Gordon to organize September Strategic Planning Session
- Updated website with new executive.
- Acted as scrutineer for AVICC AGM and Resolutions Session

### **Conference**

- Completed Resolutions Disposition and send to UBCM and posted on website.
- Followed up with all sponsors for feedback and sent thank you emails.
- Paid all conference bills.
- Received delegate revenue from Civic Info BC
- Handled press calls and emails re: member resolutions.

### **Financials**

- Completed 2020 Tax Return
- Paid second deposit of \$13,629 for 2022 Whistler Conference at the Westin

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**That** the email dated May 10, 2021, from UBCM requesting that the board appoint a new member to the UBCM Board for the remainder of Laura Dupont's term be received and that Patrick Johnstone be appointed.

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

**That** the letter dated May 19, 2021, from UBCM regarding the federal response to the 2020 resolutions be received.

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

**That** the letter dated May 28, 2021, from UBCM regarding the 2021 Executive Resolutions be approved.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

-S. Story stated that Fortis BC typically holds a draw during our conference for a delegate to win a donation to a community charity on their behalf, however, this year no one applied. Fortis BC has offered to make a donation to a community charity on the Lower Mainland LGA's behalf of \$1500.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

That the \$1500 donation be made to the Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society.

-K. Elliott discussed that the Minister of Municipal Affairs has announced that the province is providing \$500,000 to expand the British Columbia Social Procurement Initiative through a one-time grant to the City of Victoria. The program encourages participating local governments and organizations to pool resources and gives them tools to make smarter purchasing decisions that focus on best value rather than only the lowest price. See press release link here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021muni0034-001167>

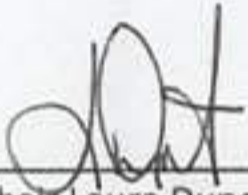
-The group discussed the cancellation of the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) and would like to offer our support.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

-Our Strategic Planning Session followed by a brief meeting with be held on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 10 am to 3 pm. Location to be announced.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.



Chair Laura Dupont  
President



Shannon Story, Executive Director