



LOWER MAINLAND

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Council Chambers-New Westminster Municipal Hall
511 Royal Avenue, New Westminster, BC**

September 23, 2021

In attendance:

Councillor Laura Dupont, President, Chair
Mayor Jack Crompton, Past President
Councillor Patrick Johnstone, First Vice-President
Councillor Patricia Ross, Second Vice-President
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Third Vice-President
Councillor Michie Vidal, Director at Large
Director Jen McCutcheon, Director at Large
Mayor Rob Vagramov, Metro Vancouver rep
Todd Pugh, Executive Director, CivicInfo BC (via telephone)
Shannon Story, Executive Director
Shannon Gordon, Facilitator, Whistler Centre for Sustainability

Unable to attend:

Mayor Karen Elliott, SLRD rep
Councillor Chris Kloot, FVRD rep
Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Director at Large

L. Dupont called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.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 September 23, 2021, meeting be adopted.

3. MINUTES

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the minutes from the June 17, 2021, Virtual Executive Meeting and the minutes from the September 8, 2021, CivX Subcommittee meeting be approved.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

A Strategic Planning session was held facilitated by Shannon Gordon from the Whistler Centre for Sustainability.

R. Vagramov arrived at 11:33 am.

5. CIVX

T. Pugh entered the meeting via telephone at 2:30 pm.

-CivX will be held from November 15-17th from about noon to 2 or 3 pm each day.

-Telus has come back on board as our platinum sponsor and will be providing the virtual platform for free again.

-The CivX Subcommittee voted on the tagline and decided on "Inclusive Local Government: Building Equality, Embracing Diversity."

-The call for sponsors went out a week ago and this far we have \$5,000 in sponsorship dollars (not including the in-kind sponsorship of Telus).

-The Civ Subcommittee decided that the event should be free, provided that we can cover all of our costs with sponsorships. The only costs would be speaker fees.

-T. Pugh reported that for speakers we have booked Kevin McCort, President and CEO of the Vancouver Foundation, Jennifer Wolowic, Project Manager for the Simon Fraser University's Strengthening Canadian Democracy Initiative and Gabrielle Peters, a disabled writer and policy analyst and a commissioner on the Vancouver City Planning Commission. She has been a

leading voice in applying a disability lens to local, provincial and national policy issues. T. Pugh is also working on getting a pre-recorded message from the Lieutenant Governor.

The groups discussed asking Telus about living captioning.

The group discussed ensuring that there is First Nations representation with the speakers and that it isn't too Vancouver focused.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the letter dated July 28, 2021, from the City of Vancouver in regard to supporting hotel workers' right to return to their jobs at a living wage be received.

7. NEXT MEETING

-Our next meeting will be held on October 21, 2021, via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



Chair Laura Dupont
President



Shannon Story, Executive Director