



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

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#### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Zoom

January 20, 2022

#### In attendance:

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

#### Unable to attend:

Councillor Patricia Ross, Second Vice-President  
Councillor Kiersten Duncan, Director at Large

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L. Dupont called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 January 20, 2022, meeting be adopted as amended to include a discussion on a letter from the Ancient Forest Alliance under 'Other Business'.

### 3. MINUTES

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the minutes from the November 18, 2021, Executive Meeting be approved.

### 4. 2022 CONFERENCE

#### -Location

The group discussed that the current plan is to hold the conference in-person. If the pandemic continues to get in the way of holding a full conference in person, a hybrid model will be pursued closer to the conference.

#### -Theme:

The Executive voted via Doodle Poll and the most popular theme is "Resilient Communities/Stronger Region"

A motion was ADOPTED:

That "Resilient Communities/Stronger Region be the theme of the conference.

#### -Speakers

-The group discussed starting the conference off with a positive message and potentially asking Mark Holder, the "Happiness Doctor" to be the Opening Keynote Speaker.

**ACTION: S. Story to email the group some videos of him speaking.**

-The group discussed doing a panel on emergency response and focusing on: community working together, communications and lessons learned. Jason Lum and Mayor Braun were suggested for speakers as well as a First Nations leader.

-The group discussed inviting Minister Fleming to speak on the Future of Highways. What is the strategy over the next 5-15 years?

-The group discussed having a session re: food security/agriculture.

-The group discussed asking Suzanne Simard to speak at the conference.

**ACTION: J. McCutcheon to reach out to Suzanne Simard.**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That a Conference Sub Committee be formed with the following members:**

- Laura Dupont
- Patrick Johnstone
- Jen McCutcheon
- Karen Elliott
- Chris Kloot

The group discussed ensuring that the conference is positive and there are creative wellness breaks.

**-UBCM Request**

S. Story stated that UBCM has requested to hold a session during the conference to engage our members on their resolutions process.

The group decided that UBCM will be invited to address the delegates on Friday morning, or they can do a post conference session re: the resolutions process.

The group discussed that Minister Osborne will be invited to speak on Friday morning and the leaders of the opposition.

**-Vaccine Requirement**

S. Story asked the group whether they want to institute a vaccine mandate for our delegates?

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That the Lower Mainland LGA follow the current provincial public health orders at the time of the conference.**

## **5. QUOTES FOR FINANCIAL REVIEW ENGAGEMENTS**

-S. Story discussed that KPMG has been doing the financial review for many years, however their prices have gone up for 2022 and 2023 and therefore she has gone out and gotten another quote.

-In 2021, the Lower Mainland LGA paid \$3,317 all in for the financial review and \$856 for the tax filing.

-The KPMG quote for 2022 is \$4500 for the financial review and \$900 for the tax filing. There will be technology and support charges on top of this.

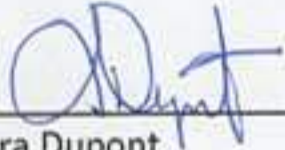
**ACTIONS:** S. Story to distribute letter to executive so that they can review.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held on February 17, 2022, in person at Metro Vancouver should COVID restrictions permit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.



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Chair Laura Dupont  
President



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Shannon Story, Executive Director