



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

#### THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Zoom

January 5, 2023

**In attendance:**

Councillor Patricia Ross, President, Chair  
Councillor Paul Albrecht, First Vice-President  
Councillor Michie Vidal, Second Vice President  
Director Jen McCutcheon, Third Vice President  
Councillor Jessica McIlroy, Director at Large  
Councillor Chris Pettingill, Director at Large  
Councillor Ken Herar, Director at Large  
Councillor Chris Kloot, FVRD rep  
Mayor Armand Hurford, SLRD rep  
Mayor Jack Crompton, Past President  
Shannon Story, Executive Director, Lower Mainland LGA

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P. Ross 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 5, 2023, Executive Meeting be adopted.

#### **3. MINUTES**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the minutes from the November 17th, 2022, executive meeting be adopted.

**4. WELCOME TO THE NEW EXECUTIVE**

P. Ross welcomed Mayor Hurford to the executive as the new SLRD representative.

S. Story stated that the update Executive Contact List was included in the executive meeting package.

**5. CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP**

The executive reviewed the sponsorship applications.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the 12 sponsorship applications presented to the executive be accepted and that S. Story proceed to invoice them and work with them on the conference.

- a) Draft Executive Resolution on Fossil Fuel Sponsors

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the Executive consider bringing forward a resolution on banning fossil fuel sponsors to the resolution's session of the conference subject to first receiving a legal opinion.

**6. 2023 CONFERENCE**

- a) **Theme:** S. Story stated that the poll in Survey Monkey had "Commitment to Excellence & Innovation in Local Government" as the winner with six votes.

- b) **Panels:** Thus far the group had decided on the following panels:

- "Everyone's Responsibility: Codes of Conduct & Ethics in City Hall": Reece Harding, Councillor Jenna Stoner, Deanna Lennox and possible representative from the Working Group on Responsible Conduct
- Local Government Partnerships and Innovation-CEO Abbotsford Airport, representative from Chilliwack re: downtown core revitalization
- Running a Positive Election Campaign: Reflections & Lessons Learned: Mayor Patrick Johnstone, New Westminster and Mayor Nathan Pachal (Langley City) and CBC journalist Justin McElroy

- c) **Keynote Speakers:** The group discussed possible keynote speakers.

**ACTION: Send keynote speaker ideas to S. Story**

- d) **Pre-Conference Tours:** S. Story stated that she has been speaking with the BC Dairy Association who is interested in partnering with us to do a pre-conference tour of a dairy farm close to Harrison Hot Springs. The executive supported this idea.

It was suggested that we have a second pre-conference tour of downtown Chilliwack to showcase their revitalization project.

- e) **Provincial Government Speakers:** S. Story asked the executive whether she should in invite the Minister of Municipal Affairs and the leaders of the BC Liberals and Green Party to speak on the Friday morning of the conference. The group responded in the affirmative.

- f) **Registration Fees:** S. Story suggested the following conference registration fees:

**Early Bird Member & Sponsor Rate:**

\$550 plus GST and \$100 for banquet-February 13-March 31<sup>st</sup>

**After March 31<sup>st</sup>:**

\$650 plus GST and \$150 for banquet

**Non-Member Rate:**

\$850 plus GST and \$150 for banquet

**Spouse Banquet Rate:**

\$100 before March 31<sup>st</sup>

\$150 after March 31<sup>st</sup>

The Executive endorsed these rates.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

A discussion was held re: President Ross presenting on the Lower Mainland LGA at the LGLA Elected Officials Seminar Series.

**ACTION: S. Story will work with P. Ross on a PowerPoint presentation.**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**J. McCutcheon left the meeting at 3:46 pm.**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the letter dated November 23, 2022, from Mayor Silas White of the Town of Gibson's requesting that the Gibson's Council attend the Lower Mainland LGA Conference at the member rate be received.


**ACTION: That P. Ross contact Mayor White to discuss the particulars of why they would like to join our membership.**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the letter dated December 6, 2022, from the SLRD stating that Mayor Armand Hurford has been appointed a the new SLRD representative be received.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at: 4:02 p.m.

  
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Chair Councillor Patricia Ross,  
President

  
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Shannon Story, Executive Director