



LOWER MAINLAND

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

THE LOWER MAINLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Zoom

January 11, 2024

In attendance:

Councillor Patricia Ross, President, Chair
Councillor Paul Albrecht, First Vice-President
Councillor Michie Vidal, Second Vice President
Mayor Jack Crompton, Past President
Councillor Elaine Cheung, Director at Large
Councillor Chris Pettingill, Director at Large
Mayor Sylvia Pranger, Director at Large
Councillor Chris Kloot, FVRD rep
Mayor Armand Hurford, SLRD rep
Mayor Nathan Pachal, Metro Vancouver Rep
Shannon Story, Executive Director

Absent:

Director Jen McCutcheon, Third Vice President

P. Ross called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 11, 2024, Executive Meeting be adopted as amended to include a discussion about Gibson's attending the conference at the member rate during the

Conference Discussion and a discussion on domain names and dyking resolution follow up action under Other Business.

3. MINUTES

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the minutes from the December 7, 2023, executive meeting be adopted.

4. 2024 CONFERENCE

-Keynote:

S. Story reported that the keynote suggestions that received the highest votes were Vaughn Palmer and Keith Baldrey. The conference subcommittee met to discuss keynotes and discussed that Vaughn and Keith would be better as closing keynotes on the Friday morning of the conference.

S. Story reached out to their speaker booking organization and they are both available and will cost \$4000 each plus expenses if they come as a team.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Vaughn Palmer and Keith Baldrey be booked as the Closing Keynote speakers for the 2024 conference.

- The next most popular choices were John Horgan, Christine Sinclair and Janet Austin.
- John Horgan is now the Canadian Ambassador to Germany and S. Story is trying to get in contact with him.
- Christine Sinclair costs \$45,000 and does not do keynotes, only fireside chats or Q & A's.
- The conference subcommittee was very keen on Janet Austin as we want the conference to focus on positivity and she always focuses on that.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Lieutenant Governor Janet Austin be invited to be the opening keynote speaker at the 2024 Conference.

SESSION PROPOSALS

The group reviewed the session proposals from the Ministry of Housing, Fraser Health/Vancouver Coastal Health and Young Anderson.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the session proposal from the Ministry of Housing be accepted with the caveat that S. Story reach out to the Ministry and ask them to cover all 3 new housing bills and answer pre-submitted questions from the delegates during the session.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the session proposal from the Fraser Health/Vancouver Coastal Health NOT be accepted.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the session proposal from Young Anderson NOT be accepted and that we instead reach out to the BC Indian Chiefs to discuss UNDRIP implementation and action.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That we proceed to organize a conference session on Public Safety in Homeless parks.

FIFA 2026

-S. Story reported that the City of Vancouver has reached out and asked if they can host an information meeting with our delegates during our conference in regard to FIFA 2026 coming to Vancouver. This would be outside of our conference programming hours. S. Story suggested after the Resolutions Session on Thursday or after our programming ends on Friday.

-The group was happy to support the organizers of FIFA 2026 to meet with our members outside of the regularly scheduled conference programming.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

-Last year, conference registration was \$500 for members and \$100 for the banquet dinner. S. Story suggested increasing it to \$550 for members and \$125 for the banquet dinner.

-Last year, the non-member rate was \$850 plus \$150 for the banquet dinner. S. Story suggested increasing it to \$900 plus \$175 for the banquet dinner.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the conference registration rates be increased for members to \$550 plus \$125 for the banquet dinner and \$900 for non-members plus \$175 for the banquet dinner.

SPONSORS

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the sponsorship applications received to date be accepted.

GIBSONS

S. Story stated that the Mayor or Gibson's has reached out again and asked that his Council attend our conference at the member rate.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Gibson's be approved to attend the 2024 Conference at the member rate.

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

S. Story provided the executive with some options on how to internally restrict funds.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the current restricted of funds of \$55,965 that is restricted for providing funding in the case of an emergency event such as the cancellation of a conference be removed and that \$100,000 be restricted as a general contingency reserve.

6. EXECUTIVE POLICY AMENDMENTS-EXECUTIVE PER DIEM

-S. Story presented the draft amendments to the Executive Policies to follow through on the resolution passed at the December meeting to start executive per diems after the new executive is elected in May.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That Executive Policies be updated to include the following amendments to add a per diem section under section 8-finance.

(b) Per Diem

A per diem shall be given to Executive Members at a rate of \$150 per meeting beginning after the AGM in May 2024. This shall be paid to the executive twice per year. An exception is that any member of the executive that is being paid by their regional district or municipality to attend the meetings will

not be paid a further per diem by the Lower Mainland LGA.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING PRIORITIES/ACTIONS

-S. Story presented the draft Strategic Planning Priorities & Actions

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the draft Strategic Planning Priorities & Actions be adopted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

That the letter from the SLRD dated December 7, 2023, appointing Mayor Armand Hurford as the SLRD appointee be received.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Domain Name:

S. Story discussed that the domain name www.lmlga.com is available for \$1578 USD.

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the executive directs the executive director to not pursue the www.lmlga.com domain name at this time.

Dyking Resolution Follow Up:

S. Pranger discussed that it doesn't seem as if the province is moving forward on the resolution re: dyking.

N. Pachal left the meeting at 3:48 pm

A motion was ADOPTED:

That the executive directs the executive director to request an update from UBCM on the dyking resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.



Chair Councillor Patricia Ross,
President



Shannon Story, Executive Director