



# LOWER MAINLAND

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

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

Via Zoom

January 16, 2025

**In attendance:**

Councillor Paul Albrecht, President/Chair  
Councillor Michie Vidal, First Vice President  
Director Jen McCutcheon, Second Vice President  
Councillor Chris Pettingill, Third Vice President  
Councillor Patricia Ross, Past President  
Councillor Ruby Campbell, Director at Large  
Jessica McIlroy, Director at Large  
Jeff Murl, Director at Large  
Councillor Chris Kloot, FVRD rep  
Mayor Armand Hurford, SLRD rep  
Councillor Nicole Read, incoming FVRD rep-listening only, did not vote  
Shannon Story, Executive Director

**Absent:** Mayor Nathan Pachal, Metro Vancouver Rep

P. Albrecht called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

#### **1. TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

P. Albrecht welcomed Nicole Read to the executive and thanked Chris Kloot for his years of service and the value that he brought to the executive.

## **2. AGENDA**

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

**That** the agenda for the January 16, 2025, Executive Meeting be adopted as amended to put correspondence before the executive director contract.

## **3. MINUTES**

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

**That** the minutes from the November 21, 2024, executive meeting be adopted.

## **4. 2025 CONFERENCE**

### **Venue to Change to Whistler:**

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

**That** the 2025 conference venue be changed from Harrison Hot Springs to Whistler and that S. Story be instructed to sign a contract with the Westin Whistler Resort and Spa to hold the 2025 conference from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Program:**

S. Story reported that the top ranked keynote speakers and session ideas from the executive survey.

### **Keynote:**

The group discussed the potential opening and closing keynote speakers.

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

**That** Jim Hoggan be the opening keynote speaker and that Vaughn Palmer and Keith Baldrey be brought back to be the closing keynote speakers.

*A. Hurford and C. Pettingill entered the meeting at 2:15 pm.*

## **Sessions:**

*J. McCutcheon left the meeting at 2:30 pm.*

The group discussed ideas and potential panelists for the three session ideas that were rated the highest in the Survey Monkey poll completed by the executive.

-Leadership Trends in 2025-panel comprised of leaders in fields such as emergency services who can discuss trends in leadership styles.

-Getting the message out on what local governments do. Example is "Your Council in the Community Program" from Abbotsford.

-Community to Community Forums-panel on successful community to community forums and how to build relationships with our Indigenous neighbours.

## **UBCM Request:**

-UBCM has requested a one-hour time slot at our conference to engage our members on remuneration for local elected officials.

-The executive decided that they would be willing to offer as spot, however they would like more information first.

## **Session Proposals:**

The group reviewed the session proposals and narrowed down the ones that are a no and it was agreed that S. Story would send a Survey Monkey poll to the group so that they can rank the remaining sessions.

## **Conference Budget:**

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

**That** the 2025 Conference Budget be approved.

### **Conference Rates:**

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

**That** conference registration rates for the 2025 conference be as follows:

#### **Early Bird (available until March 31<sup>st</sup>)**

Member: \$600 plus GST and \$130 for banquet

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

Member: \$700 plus GST and \$150 for banquet

**Non-Members:**

\$950 plus GST and \$200 for banquet

**And** further that, the conference and the room block registration open on Monday, February 3rd.

**Conference Sponsors:**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the sponsorship applications for the following organizations be approved:

- Lidstone and Company
- Young Anderson
- E-Comm 9-1-1
- BC Assessment
- Municipal Finance Authority
- ICBC
- BCLC
- CUPE BC
- BC Hydro
- MIABC
- Veolia
- BC Dairy
- McElhanney

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the sponsorship applications for the following organizations be approved:

- Trans Mountain
- Enbridge

Opposed: C. Pettingill and R. Campbell

**Fortis Sponsorship:**

The group discussed Fortis's request for another speaking sponsorship spot since their former spot as Banquet Dinner Sponsor has been removed from the sponsorship opportunities.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** Fortis be given first right of refusal on any available sponsorship opportunities with speaking spots should any become available.

Opposed: C. Pettingill

## **5. CODE OF CONDUCT**

This agenda item was deferred to the February meeting.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the letter from the City of New Westminster dated November 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the Lower Mainland Local Government Association tracking and reporting votes on motions and resolutions be received.

The board discussed whether to move forward with voting software for the 2025 conference but decided that it will be put to the membership at the resolutions session and go from there for future years.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** the letter from the SLRD dated December 13<sup>th</sup> informing the Lower Mainland LGA that Mayor Hurford has been appointed as the SLRD rep with Director Russell Mack as the alternate for 2025 be received.

## **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT**

S. Story left the room at 3:55 pm.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**

**That** S. Story be hired as an employee of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association effective February 1, 2025, at a rate of \$124,000 per year and that President P. Albrecht be authorized to negotiate the rest of the employment contract with S. Story.

**A motion was ADOPTED:**


**Therefore be it resolved that** the Municipal Pension Board of Trustees be requested to declare, effective February 1, 2025, the provisions of the Municipal Pension Plan Rules to apply to all employees of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association under subsection 2[1][c][v] of

the Municipal Pension Plan Rules, and the employee eligibility rules as set out in section 3 of the Municipal Pension Plan Rules are to apply to those employees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

  
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Chair Councillor Paul Albrecht,  
President

  
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Shannon Story, Executive Director