



MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING #66

**Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Held at 9:00 a.m. on 16 October 2009
Board Room, 468 Belleville Street**

- In attendance:** Jim Allard, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (V/EHS)
Christopher Causton, Capital Regional District
Sonya Chandler, City of Victoria
Barbara Desjardins, Township of Esquimalt
Dan Kukat, V/EHS
Dermot Loughnane, Community Director
Dan McAllister, Tourism Victoria
Don Prittie, Community Director
David Rand, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce (GVCC)
Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation
Bill Wellburn, Provincial Capital Commission (PCC)
Mike Williamson, Community Director
- Resources:** Paul Servos, Chief Executive Officer
Ian Crocker, Manager of Operations
Sonterra Ross, Corporate Controller
Rebecca Penz, Communications Coordinator
Julia Park, Recording Secretary
- Regrets:** Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation
- Guests:** Randy Wright, Tourism Victoria
Bob Barlow, Western Stevedoring
John Milligan, Western Stevedoring
Jennifer Somerville, Fisherman's Wharf Community Assoc. (FWCA)
Doug Ralph, FWCA
John Sanderson, GVHA Life Member
Rob Gialloreto, Tourism Victoria
Janis Ringuette, James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc. (JBNA)
Greg McAllister, King Bros. Limited
Betty Raven, Shoal Point Resident
Brian Scarfe, JBNA
Marg Gardiner, JBNA
Ian Maxwell, Ralmax
Lyle Soetaert, Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society (VEHS)
Kathryn Stuart, Staples McDannold Stewart

- 1. Call to Order**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Introductions

None

3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair reported that Gary Yabsley, First Nations speaker on Accommodation and Consultation, will present at 11:00 a.m.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Board Executive Elections

The Board Secretary acted as Chair during the election for the position of Chair. He explained the preferential ballot and how the voting process would work for more than one candidate.

The Secretary reported that John Sanderson, past Board member and GVHA Life Member would act as Scrutineer for all positions.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the Board Executive election agenda be approved.

CARRIED

The Secretary called for Chair nominations from the floor in addition to candidates Don Prittie and Dan Kukat. There being none after the third call, both candidates were given two minutes each to speak, then voting commenced.

After the tally, the Scrutineer reported Don Prittie had been elected Chair for a one-year term.

Don Prittie resumed his role as Chair.

The Chair announced candidates for the Vice-Chair position, Jim Allard, Dan Kukat, Dermot Loughnane and Mike Williamson. Jim Allard stated he wished to withdraw his name from the candidates list.

The Chair called for nominations from the floor. There being none after the third call, each candidate was given two minutes to speak, and then voting commenced.

After the tally, the Scrutineer reported Mike Williamson had been elected Vice-Chair for a one-year term.

The Chair announced the candidate for the Treasurer position, Dan Kukat. He then called for nominations from the floor. There being none after the third call, voting commenced and Dan Kukat was unanimously elected for a one-year term.

The Chair announced the candidate for the Secretary position, David Rand. He then called for nominations from the floor. There being none after the third call, voting commenced and David Rand was unanimously elected for a one-year term.

ACTION: Board to discuss succession planning.

ACTION: Board to draft a job description for the position of Vice-Chair.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the voting ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None.

6. Review/Approve Minutes

a) Approve minutes of Public meeting #65 on August 21, 2009.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the minutes of Public Meeting #65 (21 August 2009) be approved.

CARRIED

b) Business arising from previous minutes

The CEO responded that at GVHA's request the police set up speed traps in high traffic areas. Tickets were issued, many of them to locals and taxi cabs. The police reported to management that the perception of speeding may be higher than the actual speed motorists are travelling. GVHA and JBNA met to discuss neighbourhood issues including traffic problems. Traffic monitoring will continue during peak cruise hours.

7. **Rise and Report**

The CEO reported that the Ogden Point Café had been sold subject to removing conditions with the new owners taking over November 1, 2009.

The Ogden Point Master Planning proponent has been selected, but the final contract is still in negotiation.

The Fisherman's Wharf reefer truck issue was referred to management; mitigation plans are moving forward.

8. **Business**

a) **Chairman's Report**

The Chair reported on his activities since the last Board meeting:

- attended the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) AGM in Prince Rupert
- observed the police monitoring speed on Montreal St. in James Bay
- attended the Seattle Boat Show
- attended the Provincial Capital Commission and the Navy's homecoming statue fund raiser
- attended the Victoria Advisory Council meeting (3 meetings per year)
- attended the Land and Sea Mural Blessing Ceremony
- meetings with facilitator for strategic planning session preparation
- meetings with stakeholders and marina patrons

The Chair noted that the ACPA AGM was a good chance to meet with other port personnel and directors to discuss port activities. He noted that the Seattle Boat Show held at Lake Union was a great opportunity to see how well residential and marine commerce can mix in a community.

b) **CEO's Report**

In addition to the CEO's written report, he commented on the following:

- GVHA's 10-point strategy during an economic downturn is being followed with successful results.
- The Land and Sea Mural blessing ceremony was a success.
- Mooring dolphin project is advancing with approval from Transport Canada, Navigable Waters. [Provincial funding is in place, awaiting infrastructure stimulus fund response (as per Board, project not advancing until funding is actually in place)].
- Dredging concerns at Pier B – costs have risen, meeting with partners regarding advancement of project.
- Ogden Point Master Plan Committee is advancing, contract still being negotiated.

- COC's are near completion for Fisherman's Wharf, awaiting approval from Ministry of Environment.
- Attended JBNA meetings, met with Councillor Madoff regarding traffic concerns.
- Met with Mayor Fortin regarding the rebuilding of the Johnson St. Bridge.
- Attended Spirit Committee meetings regarding the Olympic Torch Relay, significant event for the Inner Harbour. First Nations had a large role in the activities.
- Harbour light-up, GVHA moving forward with other partners to advance this winter event.

The Board requested updates on the Classic Boat Festival's future, mooring dolphin progress, status of the electrical kiosk at Fisherman's Wharf, HST impact on future GVHA revenue and dredging of Pier B at Ogden Point.

The CEO reported that the Classic Boat Festival is in jeopardy. GVHA assistance will be given if the event moves off the September long weekend.

The CEO reported the mooring dolphin project will need to proceed this winter in order to be complete by spring, 2010. This is only possible if funding is received by November, 2009.

The CEO explained that the electrical kiosk construction at Fisherman's Wharf had been shut down by the City due to confusion regarding permitting. GVHA believes only Federal approval is required for construction. There are ongoing jurisdictional issues with GVHA, the City, and Transport Canada that management is working to resolve.

The CEO reported that the HST will have a positive impact on GVHA's expenses and will not negatively affect the cruise industry. Management is considering if and how to pass on the HST savings to GVHA customers.

The CEO reported that GVHA hoped the mooring dolphin and dredging could be done as one project. The Province agreed it could be implemented within the funding, but federal funding guidelines do not qualify dredging. The CEO noted that he is working with the ship's agent to explore potential participation in project costs by the cruise lines.

In response to the Board's query regarding the upcoming Torch Relay and GVHA's participation, the CEO reported that GVHA had contributed \$3,000 to the Spirit Committee of Victoria to assist with preparations for the event. GVHA maintenance staff will be on standby to keep the Inner Harbour clean and security will be provided on GVHA assets.

c) Board Correspondence

A letter from Tourism Victoria appointing Dave Cowen of Butchart Gardens to GVHA's Board beginning January 1, 2010.

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT** the correspondence be received as circulated.

CARRIED

9. New Business

None

10. Input from the Public

Betty Raven, Shoal Point Resident

Betty Raven stated her concerns regarding fumes and noise from fishing operations at Fisherman's Wharf.

Greg McAllister, King Bros. Ltd.

Greg McAllister thanked the Board for its diligence in moving forward with the mooring dolphin project with respect to safety of the cruise ships. He added that the blasting/dredging on Pier B North is significant due to the danger to cruise ships hitting bottom.

Rob Gialloreto, Tourism Victoria

Rob Gialloreto thanked GVHA, its partners and the Board for the good work done in the harbour. He noted the harbour is key to tourism and is a huge economic benefit to the whole Victoria region.

Marg Gardiner, JBNA

Marg Gardiner stated her concerns regarding increasing cruise tourism and noise, pollution, and traffic congestion. She stated she would like to present JBNA's noise study to the Board and encouraged GVHA to be more aware of JBNA concerns.

11. **Presentations** **First Nations Accommodation and Consultation**

The Chair welcomed Gary Yabsley and noted that he has done work for both the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and would clarify the meaning of First Nations Accommodation and Consultation.

Gary Yabsley made a presentation on the history of First Nations in BC and made some suggestions for public and private accommodation. He commented that success to partnering with First Nations is contingent on "willing partners acting in good faith."

The Board discussed:

- First Nations economic development
- Clarity of First Nations expectations
- First Nations employment objectives
- Protection for cultural heritage sites

ACTION: GVHA management to review the history of the relationship with First Nations.

ACTION: The First Nations Economic Development Committee to review potential economic opportunities for First Nations.

The Chair thanked Gary Yabsley for his presentation.

12. **Adjournment**

MOVED and **SECONDED THAT under section 34 (2) (b)** the meeting be moved in-camera as in the opinion of the Board the public interest requires exclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Paul Servos, CEO

Don Prittie, Chair