



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Centre Conference Room

1005-6th Avenue, Hope, B.C.

PRESENT:		REGRETS:	
President-Stephen Au-Yeung Vice President-Lloyd Forman Treasurer-Glen Ogren Secretary- Milly Marshall Governance Director- Ryan Mohle Director -Donna Kropp Director- Michael Kropp Director-Hondo Stroyan Director-Isaiah Robinson Mayor Wilfried Vicktor Councillor Heather Stewin Councillor Bob Erickson Michelle Richardson Hans Jeschek Terra Winter Robin Stickle Blake Stickle Harvey Robinson		Communications Director –Stuart Hartmann Director -Hiro Takeda	
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION		
1. Call to Order	President S. Au-Yeung called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.		
2. Approval of Agenda/Addenda	MOTION: OGREN/FORMAN THAT the agenda for January 21,2015 be approved with the inclusion of addenda item 3.2 Advantage Hope – Michelle Richardson re Advertising Kiosk CC01-2015		
	CARRIED		

3. Delegations

3.1 Presentation by Jennifer Hawkins – Hope and Area Transition Society Housing First Initiative

Ms Hawkins noted that she had been hired by the Hope and Area Transition Society, through grant funding, to undertake an assessment regarding the potential for a low barrier Housing First capital and support project.

Further discussion included:

- the number of Hope's homeless from outside of the community – strain on resources.
- requirement for assistance for Aboriginal people in particular those not leaving on Reserve Lands
- 30 % of those accessing Thunderbird Facility over past 6 years are Aboriginal
- need for coordination of existing like services in the community to partner and work together ie. Friendship Centre and Transition Society, Community Services, Joshua Tree, etc. for purposes of pooling/sharing resources and approaching homeless issues together
- challenges and conditions/terms surrounding use of existing facilities ie. Shelter vs. housing
- proposed services through Housing First Initiative may also include recovery programming, addiction counseling, 24/7 operation, social and community integration programs
- part time Volunteer Coordinator Position
- not Provincially mandated to have low barrier housing within community
- BC housing – homeless outreach program (1 homeless worker in Hope)

3.2 Presentation by Michelle Richardson – Advantage Hope /Tourist Information Advertising Kiosk

Michelle Richardson provided an overview of their advertising program and the panels/components for sale at the Kiosk at Hunter Creek. She noted that there were currently only 3 spots left and that the fee for a display panel was \$497 for a 2 year term with right of first refusal at the end of that term. She also noted that in addition, advertiser listing information would also be made available at the visitor centre.

Ms. Richardson further commented that other information available on the Kiosk display centre included information regarding the HBC trail, local trail systems and maps.

<p>4. Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>MOTION: FORMAN/OGREN THAT the minutes of the AGM and Regular Meeting Minutes from December 3,2014 be approved as amended:</p> <p>December 3, 2014 AGM Minutes and December 3,2014 Regular Minutes - Ryan Mohle to Ryan <i>Mohle</i>; Micheal Kropp to <i>Michael</i> Kropp; Glen Kiel to Glen <i>Keil</i></p> <p>CC02-2015 CARRIED</p>
<p>5. Standing Reports</p>	<p>5.1 President's Report</p> <p>The President noted that he had spoken to Pattie Desjardins regarding the Passport to Christmas program and reported that they will continue to support the event in 2015. He further noted that he had also been in contact with John Winter from the BC Chamber of Commerce regarding chamber ideas exchange and had set a meeting date of January 23,2015 with owners of the Hope Golf Club to discuss the Chamber tournament.</p> <p>5.2 Financial Report</p> <p>The President reviewed financial statements to December 31, 2014.</p> <p>5.3 Membership Renewal</p> <p>A brief discussion was had surrounding memberships and issuing renewal invoices.</p> <p>MOTION: DKROPP/ORGREN THAT items 5.1 the President's Report, item 5.2 Chamber of Commerce Financial Statements to December 31, 2014 and item 5.3 Membership Renewal be received for information.</p> <p>CC03-2015 CARRIED</p>
<p>6. Administration</p>	<p>Discussion ensued regarding the use of skype, voicemail, email and telephone contact information for the Chamber and how the service should be delivered. It was noted that costs for a land line were approximately \$40 per month and that incoming calls received were minimal. Consideration for use of an internet phone line was also discussed. Mr. Jeschek expressed his concern regarding the need for a land line that was identified /associated with the Hope Chamber of Commerce. The President was to follow up and get back to the Chamber members regarding additional phone information/options.</p> <p>The President also noted that while email and website management typically fell under the Communications Director responsibility, he was currently managing the Chamber emails for the interim.</p>

	<p>Discussion surrounding best dates/times for Chamber meetings was also considered.</p> <p>MOTION: ORGREN/MOHLE THAT the Hope and District Chamber of Commerce meetings be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre Conference Room AND THAT the Annual General Meeting is held on November 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre Conference Room. CC04-2015 CARRIED</p>
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<p>7. Events</p>	<p>The President provided a recap of the Passport to Christmas Program. It was noted that an incentive to participate should be considered; businesses with the most entries received would collect a prize, was an example presented. The President stated that further discussion with local merchants was required.</p> <p>The Chamber golf tournament event and dates were also discussed. It was noted that businesses outside of the District of Hope should be invited. After some discussion, regarding the most suitable dates it was agreed that given the events that already take place within the community and at the golf course, a Fall date for the golf tournament should be pursued.</p> <p>MOTION: FORMAN/STROYAN THAT a Fall date for the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament be confirmed. CC05-2015 CARRIED</p> <p>A brief discussion regarding the Business Excellence Awards and the requirement to select a date and commence planning and event advertising.</p> <p>MOTION: OGREN/STROYAN THAT the Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards event be held on October 23, 2015. CC06-2015 CARRIED</p> <p>Information regarding the Arrival Agency and their initiative to hold a large scale (5,000 + attendees) arts and culture event within the District of Hope and potentially outlying communities was discussed. It was noted that while they attempted to organize the event for this year, they have reconsidered and have now selected August 2016. It was noted that they would be appearing before the Chamber as a delegation later in the year to inform them of the details surrounding the event.</p> <p>MOTION: FORMAN/ROBINSON</p>
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	<p>THAT a letter of support be provided to the Arrival Agency for their proposed 2016 arts and cultural festival event. CC07-2015 CARRIED</p>
<p>8. Discussion</p>	<p>A discussion took place surrounding the need for the Chamber to offer some assistance to local businesses that are struggling. Suggestion for a business network and relationships for support for local businesses was discussed and assisting those starting a business the basic principles of a business plan. Terra Winter from Community Futures Sun Country, noted that they offer developing businesses resources, services and assistance with their small business ventures.</p> <p>MOTION: STROYAN/MKROPP THAT Community Futures be added as a partner on the Chamber of Commerce website. CC08-2015 CARRIED</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the District of Hope and the potential renovation of the Station House to the Visitor Information Centre. Concerns expressed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District of Hope’s consideration and process that would enable Project Management of the Station House renovation project to Advantage Hope • The optics of creating a non-profit organization/different agency to undertake District of Hope work/responsibility • Optics of taking work from local contractors or those contractors/businesses that would could come into the community • Need for transparency in District of Hope procurement processes. • Inability to date to retrieve/receive accurate information regarding processes regarding allocation of work for the Station House project from District of Hope or Advantage Hope.
<p>9. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting of the District of Hope Chamber will be held on February 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre Conference Room .</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>MOTION: MKROPP/MOHLE THAT the meeting of the District of Hope Chamber of Commerce be adjourned. CC09-2015 CARRIED</p>