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Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society Special General Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 5:15 PM
City of Victoria Antechamber, 1 Centennial Square

MEMBERS PRESENT:

VEHS directors: Hannah Horn (Chair), Bernie Talbot (VP; ILWU 508), Ryan Burles (Treasurer; Black Ball Ferries), John Sanderson (Secretary; BG Neighbourhood Association), Mark Braithwaite (Communications Chair; Indep); Jonathon Sexter (Issues Response Chair; Indep); Andrew Glover (Membership Chair; Clipper Vacations)

GVHA Board representatives: Nick Banks (Hidden Harbour Marina), Ryan Burles

VEHS members: Don Prittie (Canoe Cove Marina), Brian Henry (Ocean River Sports), Nick Banks, Geoff Wilmshurst (Camosun College), Doug Crowder, Gary Leibel (Ralmax Properties), Kevin Ashley (Seaspan), John Mullane (Vic West Community Assoc), Bruce Hale (Finest at Sea), Margo Goodhand (FW Community Association), Leslie Welsh (Environmental Consultant), John Briant (Western Stevedoring), Mike Graham (MDG Engineering)

Regrets: Proxies submitted for Allan MacGillivray (Nick Banks) and Barry Hobbis (Ryan Burles)

Note taker: Trish Suzanne

Documents distributed:

- Draft Sept 12 Member Meeting Minutes
- Summary of Proceedings: Forum on Victoria's Working Harbour Oct 5 2017
- Draft VEHS 2017 – 2018 Strategic Priorities

Hannah Horn Called to Order at 5:15pm.

Round of Introductions

New agenda items: Treasurer's report, Point Hope Shipyards, Fundraiser update

Motion to approve agenda as amended. Geoff Wilmshurst approved; Bernie Talbot seconded. All in favour.

Motion to approve minutes of September 12 member meeting. Don Prittie moved; John Sanderson seconded. All in favour.



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1. Member Update: Mike Graham, MDG Engineering on upcoming harbour project

Presentation on the remediation dredging inner harbour project at Laurel Point Nov 2017 – Jan 2018. The BAPCO Paint Company was in operation at Laurel Point for 70 years. There are over 2 ½ metres of dried paint is on the ocean floor as well as hazardous toxins.

Milestone Contractors has been hired to dredge out the contaminated area, barge the contaminants for offsite treatment, disposal by incinerating, and backfilling the area.

Mike showed a slide of a heat map indicating the level intensity of contaminants in the harbour. The contaminated sediment will be removed and the area backfilled with clean sediment and rocks. Have to watch against slope failures. This is the only serious contaminated site remaining in the harbour. About 4,000 tonnes of contaminants will be taken out with minimal impact to harbour users.

Q: How will you control the sediment that is disturbed?

A: The area will be contained and the procedure is done very slowly with a special bucket to control sediment release. We will have environmental monitors in place.

Q: Where do the barges get off-loaded?

A: Most of the sites are on the mainland with one across to Brentwood Bay.

Comment: In New York Harbour, when the Hudson River was cleaned up, all the timber piles started rotting. Prior to the cleaning of the harbour nothing could survive in the water.



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2. Treasurer's Report – Ryan Burles

Reported out on Chequing Account \$2,176.56

Reported out on Savings Account \$13,813.48

3. Update on VEHS Featherby Award– Ryan Burles

When all monies are in from the Oct 4 fundraiser + direct donations the total is well over \$17,000. The funds raised will go to Camosun College programs in the marine trades.

The plan is to create an endowment through which an annual award will be paid into perpetuity. The first award will be in 2018.

Geoff Wilmshurst, VP Partnerships at Camosun, thanked VEHS for their efforts, explained the endowment and award process at Camosun and thanked everyone who participated in the tour of the Coastal Centre.

Hannah sought input on what the award should look like e.g., whether it should be based on merit or need. Geoff advised to not make the criteria too restrictive since that makes it harder to give away.

The Board will discuss and report back to the members.



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4. Report on the Victoria Working Harbour Forum – Hannah Horn

On October 5, Canada Coast Guard and GVHA held a meeting of First Nations, federal government, and industrial and large vessel operators in Victoria Harbour. Rear Admiral Roger Girouard from CCG presided over this facilitated meeting. Hannah attended on behalf of VEHS. This forum was initiated in the face of major changes to the harbours and vicinity, including major redevelopments, potential for increased tanker traffic in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and funding from the national Oceans Protection Plan.

[Update: In January 2018, a similar forum will be held with the recreation, tourism and residential interests around the harbour].

The purpose of the forum was:

- To share information on emerging changes in the Harbour;
- Discuss issues and opportunities facing industrial and commercial users of the harbour;
- Determine which uses and opportunities are held in common; and
- Discuss a collaborative process to address some of these issues and opportunities.

Hannah distributed a summary of proceedings from the Oct 5 meeting.

The following areas were identified for follow-up and collaborative discussion:

- First Nations engagement, partnerships and participation;
- Environmental protection and remediation;
- Public safety, emergency preparedness and response, regulatory enforcement and integrated risk management;
- Access to sufficient moorage, uplands and marine industrial services e.g., fueling
- Project management and planning.
- Public communication and engagement.
- Human resource requirements and strategy.

The Board will invite the Coast Guard to speak to the members in the new year.



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5. Victoria Esquimalt Harbour Society 2017-18 Strategic Priorities

The Board presented a set of strategic priorities for 2017 – 18 for ratification by the members.

These strategic priorities, which are prepared annually, are built on the VEHS Strategic Framework which was ratified in 2014.

The core objectives and actions for the organization remain the same from last year.

There are also additional strategic actions that VEHS takes on each year, depending on topical issues of key concern.

Strategic actions proposed for 2017 – 18 are:

1. Under Communications

- Hold harbour forums and mixers
- Organize and conduct a harbour tour for local politicians and media to highlight working harbour assets and issues.

Amendment: Add local city planners to the harbour tour.

2. Under Collaboration – key issues for tracking and VEHS input and participation:

- Fuel dock upgrade needs
- Belleville Terminal improvement project
- Esquimalt Harbour diversified use
- Inner Harbour planning process
- Ralmax graving dock project
- Johnston Street bridge

Amendment: Under Core business, bullet one - add the word “working” in front of harbour i.e. “Supporting and promoting awareness of working harbour development initiatives”

3. Under Initiatives / Issues

- Increased focus on environmental issues and initiatives in and around the Harbour. Examples: marine trails initiative, survey of harbourfront properties and opportunities for enhancement.

Amendment: add Visioning and planning for future employment opportunities

Jon Sanderson moved as amended, Margo Goodhand seconded. All approved.



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5. Election of candidates to represent VEHS on the GVHA Board (presided by Leslie Welsh, Nominations Chair)

Election procedures – members to select up to 3 names to submit as candidates to GVHA to represent VEHS on the GVHA Board. Any candidates that receive a majority vote will go forward.

Comments:

- Why not put only one candidate forward to the GVHA? Encourage VEHS to decide to put forward only one preferred candidate.
- A few years ago VEHS passed a resolution to put up to three candidates forward to GVHA for their consideration, as per GVHA's request. It is not an uncommon practice and there is a rationale for doing it.
- Chair comment that we can discuss this another time, but this meeting is not the place to make last-minute changes to the agreed-to procedure.
- Clarification that GVHA has the right to refuse any or all of the candidates put forward by VEHS.

The Nominations Chair confirmed quorum . There were 39 members in good standing in VEHS as of November 14 2017 and there were 20 members in good standing at the meeting or represented by proxies (quorum for this SGM is 51%).

The Nominations Chair called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made from the floor. Three nominees going forward: Bruce Hale, Mark Braithwaite and Nick Banks
Jon Sanderson moved to close the nominations, Geoff Wilmshurst seconded. All favoured.

The three nominees each presented speeches about why they are seeking the seat on the GVHA Board and the skills and experience they feel will help them if they are selected.

Members voted. Non-members Doug Crowder and Trish Suzanne assisted with the counting of the ballots.

The Nominations Chair reported that there were 20 ballots cast and no spoiled ballots. Each nominee required 11 votes (over 51%) for their name to go forward. Based on the voting, Bruce Hale's name will go forward as the selected candidate for the VEHS.

Motion to destroy the ballots. Don Prittie moved; Jon Sanderson seconded.

Hannah thanked Nick Banks for all his work representing VEHS on the GVHA Board over the last three years.



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6. Announcements

- Next VEHS member meeting, **Tuesday Jan 9, 2018, Victoria City Hall.** Point Hope Shipyards and Finest at Sea will present at the January meeting.

Don Prittie moved to Adjourn. John Mullane seconded.

Adjourned at 6:35pm