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UCLUELET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

BY ZOOM

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER 4.27 P.M.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF Yuulul?ath First Nation's Territory

- 1. ATTENDANCE AND QUORUM – Laurie Gehrke, Sandy Rantz, Dian McCreary, Graham Aspinall, Bernie Herbert, Lara Kemps, Denise Stys-Norman, Dave Tovell
Absent: Debbie Vance, Suzanne May**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – (with changes Minutes of last meeting August 27th),
Add: Board Member Resignation.
Motion: Dian, Second: Laurie**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – EMERGENCY MEETING AUGUST 27,2020
NO MINUTES AVAILABLE JUNE 18, 2020**

Laurie suggested Board members take turns taking minutes. Dian asked to record minutes for this meeting. Accepted.

Motion: Graham, Second Sandy

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS – July 2020

Motion: Laurie, Second Dian

5. NEW BUSINESS –

- Resumes received. Lara will have a report in couple days.
- Staff Housing – Filled Units
- Looking for Accom. For couple w/dog – Luke at Distillery
- Bernie Cleaning Lodge once week
- Thanks to Denise, Joey, Lara – moved our storage room downstairs.
- Lara consulting with Community Futures, NETP, Scale Collaborative, Pt.Alberni and Tofino Chambers.
- Discussion re Chamber Building future – options for Chamber Office
- Discussion re Peninsula Road. Province owns to Whisky Dock. 75% Province 25% District
- Helping Texada Inn with application for Wage Subsidy

6. PRESIDENT REPORT –

- Discussion re Board Resignation of Debbie Vance. Laurie will request a letter from Debbie.
- Suggested a new Board Member Mary Brunette – does not have a business but could represent the Rotary as Debbie steps down. Will check By-Laws to see if Non Profit rep. can serve on Board. Mary has many skills including Grant writing.
- Discussion re the Chamber Office building, sell, move building.
- TU will be moving out.
Suggestion re renting pace for Chamber Office – temporary or part time. Need more discussion.

- Laurie will schedule an Exit Interview with Lara. Many Thanks to Lara.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – Attached.

- Lara Thanked Board – Fulfilling, Phenomenal, Great Relationships.
- Conversation with Cheryl McLay re funding options: B.C. Province Covid Recovery \$9 Billion
- – Projects: Health Care Center.
- Back Road Cleanup, Peninsula Road Upgrades.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Events – Halloween – Businesses want to do event.
- No fireworks, but walk in Trail – Browns Beach – Bigger and Better-Ask for Business Sponsorship. Volunteers.
- Rec Program – Registration broke all records – Tofino families joining because Tofino not doing Rec. Programs.

- b) TU - Meeting last Tuesday.
 - Discussion re hiring.
 - Hired new creative agency – fantastic video presentation created in house.
 - Melissa Boucha stepped down from Board. Adele Larkin Manager Blackrock will take her place.
 - Dustin stepped down from Board.
 - Visitor Center Numbers down 75%
 - Visitor Center in town closed. Visitors still found way around. Maps posted.
 - No Downtown Visitor Center was not as detrimental as first thought. Options for future – Moveable Trailer.etc.
 - Occupancy levels 75%
 - Premier Horgan announcement \$100 Million for Tourism.

- c) Parks – Dave Tovell - Tough Season. In 2021 9 nations to meet and discuss.
 - 2/3 of park closed to tour operator to keep communities safe. Tour operators should be at table for discussions.
 - Trail coming along great, paving in 4-6 weeks. On schedule for completion March 2022.
 - Total Fire Ban next year in Tofino after 65 fires on MacKenzie Beach. May affect Park if collective ban on the Coast.
 - No Kites allowed at Airport.

- d) District – Lara
 - Motion made to extend Patio Spaces one more year.
 - Urban Systems on Pen
 - Health Center
 - Flood Mapping at Community Center
 - UBCM Conference – Virtual Minister Meetings instead.
 - Not having American Fishing Boats here this summer-noticed more local gillnetters
 - Discussion re not having American Boats here.

9. CORRESPONDENCE - None

10. NEXT MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2020

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN Dian