Business Improvement Areas of British Columbia
AGM – May 1, 2024
Delta Hotels by Marriott Kamloops
540 Victoria Street, Kamloops

Minutes

Present BIABC Board: Philip Aguirre (Newton BIA), Patricia Barnes (Hastings North BIA), Mark Burley (Downtown Kelowna Association), Bonnie Burnside (Downtown Surrey BIA), Jeremy Heighton (Kamloops North Shore BIA), Teri James (Downtown Langley Business Association), Isabel Kolic (Heights Merchants Association), Maureen O'Brien (Ambleside-Dundarave BIA), Teri Smith (West End BIA), Colleen Van Mook (Downtown Prince George BIA).

Additional Members: Michelle Barile (West Broadway BIA), Karen Beaubier (Uptown Rutland), Jon Bevan (Shipyards BIA), Greg Chadwick (Downtown Courtenay BIA), Flori Chaykowski (Downtown Maple Ridge BIA), Katherine Devine (Downtown Duncan BIA), Angela Evans (Collingwood BIA), Tami Frankford (Parksville Downtown Business Association), Karley Holley (Mission Downtown BA), Landon Hoyt (Hastings Crossing BIA), Heather Leary (Oak Bay BIA), Howie Reimer (Kamloops Central BIA), Polly Rudderham (Terrace Downtown Improvement Association), Kelly Scott (Tsawwassen BIA), Jan Wade (Campbell River Downtown BIA), Neil Wyles (Mount Pleasant BIA), Sherry Yonkman (Williams Lake Central BIA), Elise Yurkowski (Gastown BIA)

Secretary: Lori Baxter (BIABC)

1. **Welcome:** A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order with Jeremy Heighton in the Chair.

2. **Presidents Introduction:** Heighton welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the current BIABC board.

   Heighton recognized and thanked departed board member Laurey-Anne Roodenburg from Quesnel West, who was not present.

3. **Approval of AGM Minutes May 3, 2023:**
   Motion to approve the minutes of the AGM held on May 3, 2023.
   Moved by Downtown Kelowna. Seconded by Downtown Duncan. **CARRIED.**

4. **Report of Directors:**
   Heighton referenced the Annual Report distributed to members and available in the room. He highlighted the advocacy efforts in getting the Securing Small Business Rebate Program established. Although BIABC was not chosen as the administrator, it will be trying to track and encourage participation. Heighton acknowledged Kelly Gleeson and the work of Laura Balance Media Group in helping with BIABC's strategic messaging.

5. **Review of 2022 Financial Statements:**
Philip Aguirre, Treasurer, presenting for information the board approved financial statements.

6. **Appointment of Accountant to do a Notice to Reader 2023:** On behalf of the board, Aguirre proposed to keep Nelson Alvarez and Co. as the firm to prepare the year end statements for 2024.
Moved by Hastings North. Seconded by Downtown Surrey. **CARRIED**

7. **Nomination and Election of Board Members:**
On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Philip Aguirre presented the following slate to the membership: UPDATE

Board Members to be Elected

Mark Burley, Downtown Kelowna Association	1st year, 2nd term
Jeremy Heighton, Kamloops North Shore BIA	1st year, 2nd term
Teri James, Downtown Langley BIA	1st year, 2nd term
Angelene Prakash, Downtown New West BIA	1st year, 1st term
Winki Tam, Downtown Vancouver BIA	1st year, 1st term
Colleen Van Mook, Downtown Prince George BIA	1st year, 4th term

Continuing Board Members – no election needed

Philip Aguirre, Newton BIA	2nd year, 3rd term
Patricia Barnes, Hastings North BIA	2nd year, 3rd term
Jeff Bray, Downtown Victoria BA	2nd year, 3rd term
Bonnie Burnside, Downtown Surrey BIA	2nd year, 5th term
Isabel Kolic, Heights Merchants Association	2nd year, 4th term
Maureen O'Brien, Ambleside-Dundarave BIA	2nd year, 1st term
Teri Smith, West End BA	2nd year, 4th term

There being no objections, the slate was accepted by acclamation.

Heighton once again thanked outgoing board member Laurey-Anne Roodenburg.

8. **Other:**
The location of the 2025 conference was announced to be North Vancouver, with The Shipyards BIA and Ambleside-Dundarave BIA as co-hosts.

9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.