



MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 2010
Barkerville Reception Centre (Upstairs)

Attending: John Massier, Sue Morhun, Rhonda Hunter, Roy Spooner, Walt Cobb, Eileen Lao, Larry Gardner, Rob Rummel, Ramona Rose, April Moi, Neil Vant

Regrets: Don Basserman, Pat Pickering, Wylie Bystedt

Formal welcoming of new Board members – Ramona Rose, John Massier, and guest Amy Thacker from the CCCTA

Adoption of Agenda

Moved Walt Cobb/John Massier that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried.

Minutes:

- 1. Moved Rhonda Hunter/Roy Spooner to receive the Directors' Notes from June 20, 2010. Carried.*
- 2. Moved Eileen Lao/Walt Cobb to approve the Minutes from the June 20, 2010 meeting.*

Correspondence

Letter from Minister Krueger re operating funding:

Moved Rhonda Hunter/Walt Cobb that the letter from Minister Krueger be received. Carried.

Correspondence re infrastructure

Moved Walt Cobb/Rob Rummel that we engage the services of a lawyer to review the Site Management Agreement along with the recommendations of the Secret Sea report with a view to recommending subsequent changes and comment on the validity of the agreement and on our liability on the sewage lagoon and other fiscal issues. Carried.

- Judy to contact Norm Trerise at Fasken Martineau

Moved Roy Spooner/Neil Vant that the Board direct and authorize the expenditure of funds to implement immediately upon all the necessary permits and approvals being received the engineered solution recommended to address the emergency problems at the water line and sewage lagoon. Carried.

Kreuger's letter to Minister James Moore re World Heritage status

Moved John Massier/Rhonda Hunter to receive this letter. Carried.

Chairs Report (attached)

Corrections: para 4 – UNBC should be CNC and Rob Rummel should be included as helping with the job interviews

Financial

Moved Neil Vant/John Massier to receive the financial statements as presented. Carried.

CEO Report (verbal)

- All engineering reports now received and McElhanney working to get final design parameters for the 2 emergency projects.
- Tourism Economic Impact Assessment has been received and is available on the website. The accompanying Visitor Study has been received in draft form
- The Purden Lake – Barkerville Connector First Nations consultation report has been received and distributed to First Nations, sponsors and the several ministers. It is available on the website.
- BHT has received a donation of a 2500 gallon tanker truck that is currently being refitted by the Wells Fire Chief and the BHT fire officer.

Revenue/Resource Development Committee – Roy Spooner

- Campaign is proceeded on target
- 3 sponsors in 2010 – Scotiabank, Prince George Citizen, Credit Union

Tourism Sector Update April Moi

- TBC was a crown corporation with a \$60M budget
- Extensive industry consultation was done in preparation for Olympics
- The model was performance based
- 6 regional destination marketing organizations (RDMOs)
- in August 2009, TBC was brought into the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts
- regions are working together to try to make the new conditions work
- also a 2020 tourism strategy being undertaken
- The new 'advisory board' that replaced the TBD Board does not broadly represent the industry
- Survey underway to get input on the situational analysis
- Value of Tourism studies being done across the north
- TNBC grateful to be working with Barkerville and the CCCTA

OLD BUSINESS

Provincial Heritage Trust Concept

- We have responded to the Provinces survey

Friends of Barkerville

Moved Roy Spooner/Eileen Lao that the staff create an annual pass system that includes a Friends of Barkerville membership and has acceptable financial controls. Carried.

UBCM Meeting with Premier

The 'Northern Leaders' (Mayors of 100 Mile House, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Prince George and Wells along with the Regional District Chairs of Fraser Fort George and Cariboo Regional Districts) will meet with the Premier at the 2010 Union of BC Municipalities convention.

Operational Funding

Rhonda met with the Deputy Minister

Moved Roy Spooner/Walt Cobb that we refer consideration of payment of the invoice for the 2009/10 seconded wages until after receipt of the financial reports at January 2011 Board meeting. Carried Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Provincial Audit – happening the week of September 20, 2010 in preparation for a Heritage Branch request for more operating funds for the heritage properties

Volunteer time tracking – submit hours to Rhonda

OSH Policies

Moved Rhonda Hunter/John Massier that the OSH Policy and Terms of Reference be adopted as circulated. Carried.

2012 Invitations

Moved Neil Vant/John Massier that we invite the Premier to hold a cabinet meeting in Barkerville in 2012. Carried.

- 2012 is also 100th anniversary of Ministry of Forests

Moved that Neil Vant/Eileen Lao that an invitation be extended to the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor be invited to the 2012 celebrations. Carried.

Items from the Retreat

- The Board's Committee Structure is to be added to January agenda.
- January meeting to be similar format to this meeting with a Friday evening session, a Saturday self-facilitated retreat, and a Sunday business meeting.

Items from Directors

John Massier – will be meeting with Minister Penner and will bring up Barkerville water and sewer projects; Blessings Grave site is an ‘orphan’ heritage site (not under the Barkerville’s Site Management Agreement; it needs a sponsor

Eileen Lao – has been extending invitations to delegations from China to visit Barkerville; and keeping contact with people in China who are organizing delegations to encourage them to visit Barkerville;

April Moi – glad to be back; will be attending the Tourism Northern BC workshops on Oct 4 & 5, there will be some very useful sessions on cultural tourism

RoySpooners – we should consider using consent agendas to stream line meetings