

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
2017 Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers
May 24, 2017 @ Chances Rim Rock

Meeting Minutes:

CALL TO ORDER: President Jan Lavertu call the meeting to order at 12:10

MOTION: Brad M/Teresa B: "To accept the Agenda as presented" CARRIED

MOTION: Bill B/Bob K: "To accept the minutes from the AGM of 2016" CARRIED

Jan Lavertu introduced his Worship Mayor Mike Ruttan to provide an update on the City of Port Alberni.

- Mayor Ruttan gave a very good summary of all things Port Alberni including the city's push for funding opportunities, the status of the Airport Runway, the arrival of two 737's for May 25th and more. He also pointed out that the City is seeing lots of external interest in major projects such as Hotel Development and others.

President's Report: Jan Lavertu

Jan thanked all Chamber of Commerce Staff, directors and members for a year well done. He focused on the many events that the Chamber has hosted over the year and how our brand continues to be front and center in the community.

MOTION: Bill B/Brian "to Accept the President's Report." CARRIED

Executive Directors Report: Bill Collette

Bill displayed a 38 slide Power-point that showcased / summarized by month just what the Chamber does on an annual basis.

MOTION: Bob K/Sarah "To accept the Executive Directors Report" CARRIED

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT:

- ACCOUNTANT Rob Anderson of Anderson Associates presented the chamber's ENGAGEMENT REVIEW for 2016. Rob presented basic summary figures for the membership, expenses, loans with Community Futures and equity. Membership's showing an increase in revenue. He commented the cash-flow was in good financial shape.

MOTION: Brad/Bill B "To Accept the Review Engagement Report as presented"
CARRIED

MOTION: Sarah/Deb "To Appoint Anderson Associates as the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce Auditors for 2017" CARRIED

REVISION - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

Jan identified the need to edit our current Constitution and By-Laws in order to meet the criteria of Corporations Canada. Corporations Canada does have to approve the By-Laws every time they are changed. Changes proposed allow for longer terms of office..

MOTION: Bob K/Brad "To Accept the Revision & Up-date as presented" CARRIED

OUTGOING: 1ST YEAR & 2ND YEAR DIRECTORS

Jan Lavertu recognized and commended the outgoing directors including: himself, 1st VP Kris Patterson, 2nd VP Brad Minton, Treasurer Deb Haggard, Secretary Sarah Jones. Also leaving are Directors Cindy Solda, Nicole Mitchell, Rebecca Palmer & Bill Brown. Jan confirmed that four directors have one year left on their terms including: Daniel Savard, Alicia La Rue, Malcolm Menninga & Brian Callender.

Jan introduced Brad Minton as the Chair of the Nomination Committee

Brad confirmed the work that he, Rebecca had done to find applicants. He also confirmed that:

- Election is not necessary unless nominations are received from the floor.

That concluded Brad's Nominating Committee Report

Brad then introduced Bob Kanngiesser who came up to run the Election.

Bob first introduced the 3 returning Directors who were voted in for a two year term in 2015. Those three: Rebecca Palmer, Cindy Solda (absent) and Bill Brown were confirmed as moving to the 1 year Director positions.

Bob then sought nominations from the floor for the Executive Positions. As none were received all five positions were acclaimed as follows:

President – Jan Lavertu (Owner of Home Hardware)

1st Vice President – Kris Patterson (Pacific Chevrolet)

2nd Vice President – Brad Minton (Retired)

Treasurer – Deb Haggard (Community Futures)

Secretary – Sarah Jones (Walk the Coast)

The next step was a vote for the four open positions for two year Directors.

Members were instructed to select four of the following six applicants after it was confirmed that no others from the floor were putting their names forward.

Each of the six applicants were invited to speak for up to two minutes. Patricia Pouliot spoke for her husband Blain and Brad Minton read a prepared commentary from Nicole Mitchell. The others all spoke on their own behalf.

1. Alicia La Rue – Thrive Design
2. Malcolm Menninga – Alberni Duradek
3. Brian Callender – CBI Rehab In Motion
4. Dan Savard – Swept Away Inn
5. Blain Pouliot – ATV West Coast Edge
6. Nicole Mitchell – Staples

Ballots counted by: Rob Anderson, Jodi Irving, Norma Doucette

MOTION: Dewayne/Rebecca "To Destroy all ballots" CARRIED

Brad confirmed that: He would run for President, Deb Haggard for 1st VP, Kris Patterson for 2nd VP, Sarah Jones for Secretary and Taurean Seib for Treasurer. In addition Brad confirmed that outgoing Directors, Rebecca Palmer, Nicole Mitchell, Cindy Solda and Bill Brown were all willing to stand for re-election for the four available 2 year Director's Terms.

Brad then invited Bob Kanngiesser to come up and seek nominations from the floor and commence with the elections.

As no nominations were received all above nominating committee recommendation were acclaimed.

The final result as confirmed by R. Anderson and Associates was:

President: Brad Minton

1st VP: Deb Haggard

2nd VP: Kris Patterson

Treasurer: Taurean Seib

Secretary: Sarah Jones

Past President: (non-elected) Jan Lavertu

1 Year Directors: Malcolm Menninga, Brian Callender, Alicia La Rue, & Daniel Savard

2 Year Directors: Cindy Solda, Rebecca Palmer, Bill Brown & Nicole Mitchell

Swearing in provided by Councillor Sharie Minion:

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 1:25pm: Bob Kanngiesser

