
PIBC COUNCIL MEETING – SUMMARY NOTES

January 30, 2015

The following is a summary of the meeting of the Council of the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC), held on the date noted above, and is provided for the information of members. A copy of this summary was also published and circulated in PIBC's quarterly magazine Planning West.

On January 30th, 2015 the PIBC Council met in Vancouver.

President

President, Andrew Young MCIP, RPP provided an update regarding his ongoing outreach with members in northern and rural areas of BC and noted that a final written report will be submitted to Council.

Council & Governance

Council reviewed the work to-date on the various goals and tasks from the 2013-2015 Strategic Plan.

Administration & Finance

Executive Director, Dave Crossley, reported on ongoing and key activities at the PIBC Office.

Secretary-Treasurer, Andrew Ramlö MCIP, RPP, presented the Institute's unaudited 2014 year-to-date finances for information.

Council approved holding the 2015 Annual General Meeting on June 18, 2015 in Vancouver, and approved use of electronic balloting for the conduct of the 2015 Council elections.

Member Programs & Services

Executive Director, Dave Crossley, discussed the work to-date for the upcoming 2015 PIBC annual conference, including the launch of online registration, completion of the preliminary program and organization of the American Planning Association National Planning Conference tour to Vancouver.

National Affairs

Past-President, Joan Chess-Woollacott, MCIP, RPP, reported on recent CIP Council meetings regarding the proposed governance and organizational changes at CIP and related member engagement. Council reviewed and discussed the proposed CIP governance changes under consideration.

Council confirmed the appointment of Membership Committee Chair, Andrew Ramlö MCIP, RPP as the Institute's representative on the national Professional Standards Committee for the Planning Profession in Canada.

Committee Reports & Business

Membership: Council approved the admission of a number of new members, and a number of membership transfers and changes.

Professional Practice Review: Council confirmed the appointment of Nancy Knight MCIP RPP to the Professional Practice Review Committee for the remainder of the current two-year term.

Continuous Professional Learning: Council reviewed the report of the ongoing activities of the Continuous Professional Learning Committee, including the upcoming launch of a three-part webinar series.

Nominating: Council struck a Nominating Committee for the upcoming 2015 PIBC Council elections, appointing Joan Chess-Woollacott MCIP, RPP, Gwendolyn Sewell MCIP, RPP, and Sarah Crawford to the committee.

Local Chapters

Vancouver Island-North: The Chapter's 2014 annual report was reviewed and Council approved receipt of the report and the release of the Chapter's 2015 annual seed funding.

Institute Representative Reports & Business

Council reviewed the report about recent activities of the UNBC Student Planner's Association, including preparations for an alumni panel and student social event in March in conjunction with the PIBC Council meeting in Prince George.

Council confirmed the nomination of Helen Lee MCIP, RPP as the Institute's representative to the City of Vancouver's Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee for a term of up to four years.

Other Business & Correspondence

Gwendolyn Sewell MCIP, RPP reported on the recent activities of the Institute's Provincial Working Group, to raise the profile of the profession with the provincial government. There was discussion about potentially adding Registered Professional Planners to the list of authorized signatories to file documents with the Land Title & Survey Authority and to potentially include RPPs as qualified for "Licensed Science Officer" and Qualified Environmental Professional" positions.

Council discussed the upcoming Metro Vancouver Transportation & Transit Referendum, and agreed to encourage members to get informed and involved in that important process.

Next Meeting(s)

It was noted that the next meeting of Council would take place on March 13th, 2015 (in conjunction with activities at UNBC in Prince George) and by telephone teleconference.

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