Vancouver community network

Commenced: 6:15 pm

Attendees: Tony Swain, Craig McLachlan, Nick Hamill, Andranik Pogosian
and Patrick Clark
By Telephone:
Staff: Tracey Axelsson, Chris Chanhsamone
Regrets: Brendan Houle, Chris Stanley

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1. **Changes to the agenda**
    nil

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2. **Approval of previous minutes from January 18, 2018**
    o   Moved - Patrick
    o   Seconded – Tony
       Carried

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3   **Admin and Program -**
- Interviewed re RFP for extra space on the second floor of Woodward's – decision to be held in council in July 2018
- Submitted Charities Report post-AGM. Reviewed and Approved
- Continued to submit forms for the DS4Y program application – pending
- Speaking with Victoria Freenet about their admin and hosting challenges
- Contributed to the CIRA Broadband survey and sat for video interview
- Updates to the StreetMessenger – specifically the bc211 requested changes to Shelter Map
    a.   Working/meeting with Ray-Cam, Portland Hotel Society, Downtown Community Court, Eva's Initiatives in Toronto and the Bad Date Coalition in Toronto as well.
    b.   Hosted 7 webinars with organizations in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver
    c.   Met with federal government program manager for financial review. No challenges –
- Took on contract with bc211 to build out the Shelter map with interactive capabilities
- Working with ISSofBC on a joint project to foster www.Newcomers.info which will work exclusively in the Refugee and Immigration community to send text-messages and alerts. Awarded $25,000 for re-purposing the messaging platform to do this work.
- Meeting with Hollyburn Properties – OurBuilding.info
- Awarded grant - City of Vancouver = $20,640
- Awarded Gaming/Community Grant = $8,000
- Awarded 2 Summer Student tech support workers - ESDC
- Working with CoV to take over operations contract for the DTES Street Market
- completing work on the final phase of the ESDC Program
- Attended BCTech Summit – May 14-17
- All remittances are complete and up-to-date – CRA, GST and PST

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4. **Technical – Helpdesk – WebTeam-**
   Servers
- All web servers were updated to PHP 7. Some clients still require PHP 5 for their web site. They have been warned to update their web site to support PHP 7 because PHP 5.6 will stop receiving security updates on December 31, 2018.
- In early 2018, VCN received $5,000 of credits for Amazon Web Services through a CIRA pilot

project. The credits will be used to host StreetMessenger.

Office
- In May 2018, VCN started to use the open source software CiviCRM for donations. Wai-Kin imported contacts and donation records from the old donation database and created new guides for volunteers.
- In April and May 2018, three BCIT students and one student from Fairleigh Dickinson University started their work-term at VCN. The BCIT students have been providing technical support to our clients.
- In April 2018, almost all of the office computers were upgraded through a donation from the BC Technology for Learning Society (Computers for Schools BC).
- In April 2018, a laptop, a network switch, and a surge protector were stolen from VCN's public computer lab in the common area outside of VCN's office.

web|team
- William a work-term student from Fairleigh Dickinson University has some WordPress experience. He will be updating VCN WordPress sites and possibility assisting the web|team.

tech|team
- In late February 2018, Rob helped the 411 Seniors Centre setup their annual tax clinic.

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5. **Financial Reports (Nick)**
   Treasurer - a report was given referring to the reports presented.

   Financial Review – accept as presented
   - Moved - Patrick
   - Seconded – Andranik
     Carried

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6. **New Business**

   Discussion – DTES Street Market contract
   Discussion – Privacy updates

Adjourn:
   7.35 pm