

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS - MINUTES June 23, 2016

4th floor, Woodward's Heritage Building

Commenced: 6:12 pm

Attendees:, Brendan Houle, Nick Hamill Tony Swain & Patrick Clark

Staff: Tracey Axelsson, Chris Chanhsamone Regrets: Craig McLachlan, Chris Stanley

# 1. Changes to the agenda

nil

### 2. Approval of previous minutes from

# April 21,2016 -.

- Moved Patrick
- Seconded Nick
  - carried

# **Admin and Program reports**

### Stakeholders and & Members

Tracey is now Secretary on the Board of Telecommunications Canada Donation outreach program planned for June – physically post requests to members that have made donations in the last 5 years but not in the last 2 or 3.

#### Youth Internship

- Nhan left us as of March 31 all work after that point is don by Tracey but Nhan willing to help
- YI Program has been applied for but no news on if it will be renewed.

## **Premises**

• Tracey met with the new directors of the 312 Main. Dedicated office space will not work but a kiosk can be designed to fit out the tech support we can offer.

#### 4. Financial Reports (nick)

Quickly coming up to speed. Have the goal to get the books ready much faster for the review

- · Refer to the financial statements as delivered
- Must realign the books to have less of a reserve both because we have less but also because it is
  possible they are being misunderstood by funders whom are not accountants making our reserve look
  bigger than it actually is.

### 5. Operations, Staff, Administrative, and Program Reports

City of Vancouver: We have been in multiple discussions on the setup and nature of 'public space' outside the VCN door. We are very thankful to remain actively able to keep the computer access point. Street Messaging System – Ryan our Coder is working on some final adjustments to the site but the core functionality is ready for soft launch. Tracey has a meeting with VaniCty Foundation to get a bit more funding to complete the work to create the process to have the icons display the number of empty beds on the site.

Board went through a longer discussion about the future of the system.

# 6. Technical

**Help Desk / Office -** Most of VCN's office servers have been switched to the new high-availability platform.

**Member –** quick update on the process to date on old and redundant websites on our servers, these will be archived and disabled



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**Servers –** (VPL) added a second Internet connection through BCNET. This will increase VPL's Internet bandwidth and provide additional redundancy.

VCN will switch the dial-up line provider to Telus but VCN was unable to become a Telus reseller because we did not have enough clients. The Telus dial-up phone line service will be around \$500/month. We would still save \$500/month by cancelling one dial-up phone line.

tech|team - Robert has returned

**web|team –** Ngan is working on two sites for a UBC professor and updating the Tenant Resource and Advisory Centre's (TRAC) site.

# 7. New Business and Business Arising

### **New Societies Act**

ACTION –review the Bylaws and Constitution and start prep for changes to the new Act. Tracey to circulate for Board committee to undertake the review

**Human Data Commons** – approached by Scott Nelson (ex-VCN Board member) to create a funding collaboration project to forward and foster the SMS.

# Patrick - Continuing Board Involvement but from Nakusp

Sorry to see him leave but glad to see him as a talking head on the Board table

# In Camera (if needed)

Not required

# Date for next meeting

Summer break – will review options in late Auugust

Adjourn – 8:30 pm