



Bella Coola Valley Tourism

Annual General Meeting March 7, 2017

School District 49 Building SAMS

Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order: E. Hall 7:25 p.m.

Chair: E. Hall

Present: Jayme Kennedy, Carsten Ginsburg, Tom Hermance, Ernest Hall, Jefferson Bray, Jan Prins, Stephen Waugh, Deborah Nelson, Holly Willgress, Dean Mecham, Linda Duggan, Joy Mackay, Pete Kovanda, Doug Baker Absent: Chris Nelson

Business Conducted:

1. Adoption of Agenda - Motion: (J. Kennedy/T. Hermance) Adoption of Agenda
CARRIED

2. Correction to 2016 AGM Minutes to include: Stephan Waugh present

3. Adoption of 2016 AGM Minutes - Motion: (J. Prins/J. Bray) Adoption of Minutes CARRIED

4. Special Resolution -

Motion: to read 'Special Resolution' (D. Nelson/J. Bray) Motion CARRIED

Whereas Coastal First Nations have collectively banned trophy hunting in the Great Bear Rainforest and other traditional territories, and

Whereas economic value of bear viewing in the region is more than 12 times the worth of trophy hunting

Whereas bears are a key asset for development of world-class eco-tourism and aboriginal tourism businesses in an area with few economic opportunities, and

Whereas bear hunting disrupts the bear-viewing industry by directly reducing the bear population and diminishing viewing opportunities,

And Whereas the vision and mission statement of Bella Coola Valley Tourism commits the organization to "work together to promote tourism development by encouraging local businesses to succeed and grow",

Therefore, be it resolved that Bella Coola Valley Tourism pledges its support of the First Nations ban of trophy hunting on BC's Central Coast.

5. Comments to 'Special Resolution':

"It is obvious that we would support this. We want non-consumptive tourism."

"Personal support against trophy hunting however, not an issue BCVT should be voting on."

"Bella Coola Valley is known as a place where bears are trophy killed and this has a negative effect on tourism."

"BCVT's most popular post to date on FaceBook (social media) is the picture of the Coastal First Nation's Alliance sign/resolution to ban the trophy hunt. Time for BCVTourism to take a stand on conservation and support this."

"Perceived view is important for guests, but still support wider community outlook."

"Vancouver people will not come here because of Bella Coola's reputation for trophy killing."

"Supporting this ban will open BCVT up to other markets who do not wish to work with us because of trophy killing. We should respect and support First Nations, because it is their wish to see trophy killing ended."

"CBC is expecting to hear the outcome of BCVT's decision tonight. Think about what this decision will mean for tourism?"

"I have issues with the language of the resolution."

"Take out the word 'bears' and replace it with 'wildlife'."

"How we choose to make our money is an extension, or reflection, of who we are as human beings. This is about 'character'. More and more it appears that aboriginal peoples correction, indigenous peoples, and women are standing against destructive extraction 'business'. It's time to respect the wisdom of ancient cultures. It's time to support First Nations."

6. Motion to adopt 'Special Resolution' (D. Nelson/J. Bray) Motion CARRIED 8:25 p.m.7.

Election of Directors Motion:

Deborah Nelson and Jayme Kennedy be nominated for two (2) year terms (J.Prins/J.Bray)

Motion: Nomination of Holly Willgress (Jan Prins/T.Hermance)

Motion: Nomination of Chris Stafford (C.Ginsburg/T.Hermance)

Stephen Waugh resigns

Declared Nominations closed (E.Hall) All Motions acclaimed as nominated (J.Prins/T.Hermance)

8. Adjournment (J.Prins/J.Bray) CONSENSUS: meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by J. Bray