

WESTERN REN LIAISON & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 – 3:30 pm

By Telus Business Connect Video Conference

Voting Members Present: Guy Surette, Gil Dares, Eddie Nickerson, Patti Durkee, Marilynn Hay, and Judy Lynch.

Non-Voting Members Present: Chris Frotten.

Regrets Received: Alain Muise, Shaun Hatfield, Matt Ross, Victoria Brooks, Jeff Sunderland, Scott Surette.

Administrative Support: Barb DeViller, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Guy Surette called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on the traditional lands of the Wasoqop'q First Nation, part of Mi'kma'ki (meeg-mag-gee), the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon **MOTION** by Gil Dares and seconded by Marilynn Hay to approve agenda with the addition of 7.1 under New Business – Election Procedures for Next Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2024

Upon **MOTION** by Patti Durkee and seconded by Eddie Nickerson to approve the minutes of March 13th, 2024, as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. E-VOTES TO RATIFY

6.1 Upon **MOTION** by Patti Durkee and seconded by Eddie Nickerson to ratify an electronic vote of March 27th, 2024 that the Liaison and Oversight Committee authorize signing of the Connector Program Extension Agreement (ID#362877) with Labour, Skills, and Immigration pending approval by the Board of Directors.

Motion carried unanimously.

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6.2 Upon **MOTION** by Gil Dares and seconded by Patti Durkee to ratify an electronic vote to approve the changes to the structure of the Recruitment and Nominations Committee Composition.

Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Upon **MOTION** by Gil Dares and seconded by Marilyn Hay to ratify an electronic vote that the WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee authorize the Western Regional Enterprise Network CEO to sign the Community Economic Development Fund Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

6.4 Upon **MOTION** by Patti Durkee and seconded by Gil Dares to ratify an electronic vote that the WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee authorize the WREN CEO to sign the Provincial Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$277,250 effective April 1, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

7.1 **Procedures for Next Meeting**

The procedure for the next meeting of the LOC in November will be that an invitation be sent to the current LOC councillors and committee members as well as the newly elected councillors allowing time for the new councillors to put their appointments in place. A letter will be sent to the municipalities several days before the next LOC meeting on November 13th asking the current councillors and committee members to advise if they will be returning to the committee.

A document will also be shared with all municipalities and First Nations involved in the Regional Enterprise Networks so the messaging is consistent. We're planning to include a brief overview of what the RENs are, what the LOC is responsible for and the Councillor's role.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee will be on November 13th, 2024.

The next meeting of the Joint WREN Board of Directors and the WREN Liaison and Oversight Committee will be held in December 4th, 2024. Correspondence will be sent to the Board Coordinator to set up a date and time.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Patti Durkee to adjourn at 3:48 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair:

Guy Surette

Recording secretary:

Barb DeViller