

Minutes of the Directors Meeting

Monday 6th Feb. 2017, 4.30pm at the Recreation Centre

Present – Lee Middleton, Michael Pierce, James White, Bernie Ziegler,
Harvey Janszen, Tom Haggar, Barb Ropars
Apologies, John Robertson, Ron Lewis

1) Previous meeting Minutes

1.1) Minutes of Directors' Mtg., 9th Jan. 2017- Approval delayed until next Meeting.

2) Manager's report

2.1) Last weekend James Clendenon visited to look at options for improving the Backbone nodes, and relocating the Crowley and Cunningham nodes.

2.2) Radio at Grasswick replaced.

2.3) Remote monitoring is continuing, with additional capability of monitoring the backbone router and radio performance added by JC.

3) New Link Update

3.1) Roche – No progress.

3.2) Saltspring – Ron Grant believes there is capacity in the Shaw fibre, but no news on cost or availability via Navigata tower.

3.3) Steveston – on hold , capacity around 200Mbps. No response from CBC about possible AM tower use.

3.4) Delta Highrise Building – Building now identified and LM will forward contact details of Developer for MP to see if there is any potential.

In summary, we currently have no obvious solution to our desire for a Canadian, high capacity, reliable New Link. Of the options, only something located high enough in the Lower Mainland could service the island including the Group of Thirty area.

The multiple options need to be presented in some tabular form to see their relative merits.

4) Grant Applications

4.1) LM reported that the Province has indicated to him that following their substantial investment with Beacon Wireless on Saltspring , they wish to see that investment be leveraged to provide as wide a service as possible, and that consequently there are no funds available for Saturna in this funding round.

4.2) Beacon Wireless could provide us with a feed, but we have no costings. Skyway West is looking at providing this.

4.3) MP and HJ are working on a Federal Grant application for a new/upgraded backbone.

5) Finance Report

5.1 The reports for January are delayed and will be issued shortly.

5.2) It was noted that our capital fund is depleting, and may impact our ability to show contributory funding in a grant application.

6) RhiCom Proposal.

6.1) A document from RhiCom was previously circulated to the Board, which outlines options for working with the Coop to apply for funding and build/manage a new system. Kayle Tjomsaas who helped build SNC's original network, represents RhiCom, and after discussion, it was agreed that he be asked to present to the Board a more specific proposal.

7) AOB

7.1) It was confirmed that RD is now invoicing the Coop directly as an independent contractor.

The meeting was adjourned.