

CoDevelopment Canada AGM Meeting Minutes
17 September 2008 @ 7:00pm
Hastings Community Centre (3096 East Hastings Street, Vancouver)

Directors: Chiara Taylor, Guy Pocklington, Jane Turner, Janet Routledge, Jim Gorman, Joey Hartman, Julia Goulden, Julia MacRae, Ken Curry, Rhonda Spence, Rick Gordon, Ruth Herman

Regrets: Ernie Hilland, Sharon Saunders, Bob Rosen

Staff: Barbara Wood, Carol Wood, Heather Millar, Kirsten Daub, Kyla Epstein, Steve Stewart

Members: 52 members in attendance.

1. *Motion to approve agenda as amended.* M/S/C
With additions of 8(b) and 8(c)

2. *Motion to approve minutes from 2007 AGM (12 Sept 2007)* M/S/C

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- ◆ No matters arising

4. Presentation of auditor's report for 2007/08

- ◆ Julia Goulden presented the consolidated financial statements as prepared by Hay and Watson, noting that CoDev is in a secure financial state with a surplus of assets equivalent to a minimum of one year of operations and a surplus of receipts over expenditures

◆ *Motion: That CoDev's 2007/08 audited financial statements be approved by the membership* M/S/C

5. Appointment of auditor for 2007/8

- ◆ *Motion: That CoDev appoint the firm of Hay and Watson as CoDev's auditor for 2008/9 fiscal year* M/S/C

6. Proposal to modify CoDev's by-law no. 27

Current wording: An annual membership fee shall be fixed by the annual general meeting.

Proposed wording: An annual membership fee shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

- ◆ *Motion: To modify by-law no. 27 to read: "An annual membership fee shall be fixed by the Board of Directors."* M/S/C

Outgoing board president, Rhonda Spence was thanked for her leadership and service to CoDev during her tenure on the board.

7. Election of CoDev board of directors

- ◆ Explanation of the process
- ◆ Seven positions to be filled; six incumbents have been nominated and three new members have been nominated
- ◆ Nominations: Josh Berson, Julia Goulden, Joey Hartman, Ruth Herman, Ernie Hilland, Bill Pegler, Guy Pocklington, Bob Rosen, Gord Savard
- ◆ Results: Josh Berson, Julia Goulden, Joey Hartman, Ruth Herman, Bill Pegler, Guy Pocklington, Bob Rosen are elected to the CoDev Board for the 2008-2010 period.

Motion: To destroy ballots of CoDev 2008 AGM elections M/S/C

8. Other business

a) CUPE – CoDev fund

- ◆ CUPE National has donated \$100,000 to CoDev

- ◆ Rhonda Spence took the opportunity to thank CUPE for their generosity, support and solidarity
- ◆ CoDev will open a fund and use the annual interest to support campaigns to protect public services globally
- ◆ CoDev program committee will bring forward to the Board each year proposals for where the money should be sent. The Board will review the purposes of the fund regularly.

b) Cuba appeal

- ◆ Carol Wood gave an overview of the situation in Cuba after Hurricanes Gustav and Ike and an update on funds collected through CoDev's members and supporters.

c) CanWest SLAPP suit motion from the floor.

As the CanWest SLAPP is an attack on the Charter right to free speech on controversial issues, something that directly impacts the work of an organization like CoDev;

As many organizations that are supporters of CoDev have issued statements of support for the defendants in the lawsuit, among them CUPE- BC, BCTF, VDLC;

As many respected individual supporters of CoDev are honorary members of the Seriously Free Speech committee, including Brothers Heyman, Saunders, O'Neill, Pegler and Sisters Lambert and Oliver;

Be it resolved that CoDev issue its own statement of support for those whom CanWest is persecuting for political reasons.

- ◆ *Motion: To adopt the motion as worded above*

M/S/C

9. Presentation – CUPE President Paul Moist and past BCGEU President George Heyman

- ◆ Slideshow and report from the Frontlines solidarity tour to Colombia in July 2008 co-facilitated by CoDev.

10. Adjournment

- ◆ *Motion to adjourn*

M/S/C