

British Columbia Onsite Sewage Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2009
Telephone Conference Call

Present by Telephone

Colin Boog, Frank Hay, John Hayton, Braden Marshal, Ian Ralston, Steve Warren, Tim Wilson, Stephanie Unrau

Absent with Regrets

Robert Feldhaus,

1. Quorum & Call to Order

Eight (8) Board Members out of 9 are present. Quorum declared and meeting called to order at 7:15 AM by Chairman, Frank Hay.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Deferred to next meeting

3. Meeting with Ministry on Sept 28 2009

Board members each presented their view and opinion as to the message received from the Ministry of Healthy Living & Sport meeting on Sept 28, 2009.

The Ministry, at that meeting, presented to the Board a copy of the Sept 24, 2009 Order-in-Council changing section 7 of the Sewerage System Regulation, and presented a direction statement for the regulation that was to be presented the following day the UBCM annual conference.

Frank proposed that BCOSSA continue its discussions with ASTTBC for an MOU. The concept that, given ASTTBC's new role in the regulation, BCOSSA offer to assist ASTTBC in developing a set of minimum standards / qualifications that outline acceptable course learned outcomes and how those outcomes are achieved. This would aid in retaining a standard of education that any ASTTBC approved organization would need to meet and thereby assure that the training and education is not eroded.

4. Staff Employment

The financial restraints of the Association require that the position of Executive-Director as an employee be re-considered.

The Board discussed the ending of the employee position and replaced with a part / half time contract for services arrangement.

The current ongoing activities need to be evaluated and how to best handle the terminating of the employee based Executive-Director position.

A one week period of time was agreed to in order for Board members to consider their respective thoughts.

5. SPM – Version 3

Frank advised the Board that the Ministry had contact John Rowse and outlined the process they had selected to follow in the creation of version 3 of the SPM.

The Ministry wishes to have a stronger role in the development of the SPM and its fundamental structure, layout and content.

John Rowse is the lead contact to work with Rupert Benzon to initiate the development and a “straw dog” to start the process for a release to stakeholders for comment prior to finalizing the SPM.

Target date for completion of early January 2010.

There is no funding or financial support to anyone for this work.

Discussion on the BCOSSA lead contact being John Rowse ensued. Given that BCOSSA wishes to cooperate fully with the Ministry in fulfilling their direction on this issue, it was discussed that the TRC have a role. Frank outlined that once the “straw dog” was completed that the TRC could then consider and comment on it through John Rowse prior to a document being presented in the stakeholder review process.

Resolution No. 186

BE IT RESOLVED that President contact the Ministry to request that the TRC Chairperson to be the contact on the SPM and the TRC Chair will consult the LSG's for input.

MOTION by: Steve Warren, Seconded by John Hayton

CARRIED

10. Board Meetings Schedule

The next Board meeting is October 7, 2009
Telephone conference call 7 AM – 9 AM

11. Adjournment

Board adjourned at 9:32 AM