



Board Meeting
August 10th, 2017
Location: Columbia Valley Credit Union
Meeting Room
1 pm – 3 pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review the action points from the July board meeting:
 - Joanne to invite Jon Wilsgard to the next board meeting. 1.00 pm To 1.15 pm
 - Rav will send Joanne the July and August Star reports.
4. Review, Approve and sign off the minutes from the July 13th board meeting
5. Short term rental strategy & petitions 1.15 pm To 1.30 pm Joanne
6. Update on Visitor Services 1.30 pm To 2.10 pm Joanne
7. Questions or any other items on last Manager's Report 2.10 pm To 3.00 pm Joanne
8. Adjourn 3.00 pm



Update from Jon Wilsgard

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Sent: August 2, 2017 1:34 PM

To: Joanne Sweeting (manager@tourismgolden.com) <manager@tourismgolden.com>

Subject: Tourism Golden Board Update

Hi Joanne – the highlights at this point in time.

VISAH – you can report out as well as I can on this one! Project is a bit late but on budget at around \$800,000. I think it turned out fabulously and despite it being cobbled together architecturally and design-wise, it is a very attractive centre. I would be willing to bet it's one of the most attractive and inherently innovative and functional out there in the province!

We'll get some sort of MOU between us in the coming weeks to set the framework for responsibilities with the commitment to fine tune it over the next year or so into a more formal arrangement. There will be a number of niggly things to deal with the centre over the next month and then into next year as well – signage will be one – regulatory, directional, interpretational, informational. I'd rather wait on much of it to gauge where it needs to go though and avoid unnecessary sign pollution.

The big corporate sign is seeing a longer delay than anticipated once again due to a number of commitment problems of sub-contractors to the general contractor. This is extremely frustrating – not because we won't get a good product, but because of the delays which will be over two months overdue. The latest schedule has a return to workers on the ground in late August with completion by the end of September. Significant financial penalties will be applied to any further delays which we have detailed in the contract.

The Selkirk Connector trail was looking good till the windstorm hit. Now we've got a ton of trees to clean up and it's going to be a while given the depth of blowdown around the entire community including all over the Rotary Loop.

Spirit Square seating is firmly out of the picture of course, in favour of Pedestrian bridge repairs which are going to total just under \$600,000 include about \$125,000 from RMI and will begin before the end of this month. The first step is building rock platforms under the bridge to act as jacking pads. This must be done in the "fish window" before the end of the month. Then later in September the work will begin. The bridge will be closed intermittently later this month and for longer contiguous periods in September and October. Inconvenient but necessary and we will of course be posting notices ahead of time. The bulk of the work will be done by Sigi (ITF).

Exec staff at the Province still have nothing for us on RMI continuity. The government is understandably very young. This has connection with UBCM wherein by now typically notices for appointments have been sent and we have our traditional RMI meeting with the staff and minister responsible during the conference but nothing yet. We continue to be in a vacuum. We still have not received our final cheque for this year from the Province which has placed us in a cash flow crunch,



exacerbated by the inability to apply EOF to the VISAH project following refusal by the Area Director a couple of months ago.

For interest I have attached a newly revised flat sheet about RMI which should further solidify TG's membership support for this program.

Despite RMI uncertainty 2017 will go down as a pretty fabulous year for the program. Crossing fingers though...

Best,
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