

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DOUGLAS COLLEGE BOARD
Open Session**

**December 17, 2009
New Westminster Campus Boardroom**

Open Meeting File No. 2009-12-17

Approved January 21, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: G. Bowbrick, B. Clarke, D. Guedes, M. Hwang, M. Hemmingsen, P. Kendrick,
S. McAlpine (ex-officio), E. McCausland (ex-officio), M. Regan, M. Russell,
S. Tomchenko, P. Wates (Chair)
Regrets: C. Jellinck, S. Meshwork (ex-officio)
Observers: Regrets from M. Ferley, A. Iachelli, P. Wilkins
Administration: B. Barber, J. Carrie, B. M. Exmann, B. Jensen, G. Ouyang, H. Postma, C. Worsley
Regrets from K. Maynes
Guest: T. Leonard*
Recording: S. Donnelly
* attended a portion of the meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Wates called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and welcomed Terry Leonard, Director, Facilities Services to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Peter Kendrick, seconded by Bruce Clarke and unanimously resolved:

39/2009 *THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009

It was moved by Sydney Tomchenko, seconded by David Guedes and unanimously resolved:

40/2009 *THAT the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting be approved as distributed.*

4. PRESENTATION: PROPOSED ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE

At the invitation of Peter Kendrick, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, Terry Leonard, Director, Facilities Services, reviewed the concept and schematics for the proposed *Aboriginal Gathering Place*. He invited and responded to Board members' questions.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no such business arising.

6. INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION

- 6.1.1 BC Government and Service Employees' Union
- 6.1.2 Douglas College Faculty Association (DCFA)
- 6.1.3 Douglas Students' Union (DSU)

The Chair noted regrets and reports sent by Peter Wilkins of the DCFA and Alessandro Iachelli of the DSU.

8. BOARD COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS, cont'd**8.1.1 Audit and Finance Committee, cont'd**

The committee received a copy of the Federal Infrastructure Program report, and noted progress. The committee planned to meet in January 2010 with representatives of the British Columbia Auditor General's office, as that group will assume responsibility for audits of the College's financial matters in 2010.

8.1.2 Aboriginal Gathering Place: For Approval

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development (ALMD) has, through the *Gathering Places Capital Funding (GPCF)* initiative, made \$600,000 available for such an infrastructure development. Peter Kendrick reported on the Audit and Finance Committee's rationale in supporting the fuller, more expensive of two proposals for an *Aboriginal Gathering Place* and recommended approving the use of up to \$329,000 of College funds as required. Discussion of the "pros" and "cons" of the proposal ensued.

It was moved by Peter Kendrick, seconded by David Guedes and resolved:

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THAT the Douglas College Board approve the use of up to \$329,000 from the 2009/10 Operating Fund surplus as an additional funding source for the project.

8.2 Human Resources Committee

Acting Chair Mike Russell had no report for the Open session.

8.3 Douglas College Foundation

Board Liaison Mary Hemmingsen had no updates.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chair noted upcoming events as identified in the agenda package, and encouraged as many Board members as possible to attend one or more of the February 5, 2010 graduation ceremonies.

10. ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETING

There were no such issues.

11. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Board members offered reports on matters ranging from the *Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games* torch relay, and its upcoming presence in New Westminster, to international education. Mary Hemmingsen drew attention to and encouraged moral and other support of intensive course offerings – such as upcoming courses being offered in Belize, China and Mexico – through the Centre for International Education.

Board members considered the merits of continuing the practice of roundtable sessions, and how best to achieve value from such discussions. It was acknowledged that Board members shall remain welcome to identify to the Board Executive Assistant proposed agenda items as outlined in the meeting schedule, or may alternately identify such matters at the beginning of an Open session meeting. In addition, Board members who wish to raise an issue or matter may do so of their own accord at this same point in the agenda, rather than taking part in a roundtable review.

12. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at David Lam Campus, while the College Board retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 15 and 16, 2010.

Paul Wates extended his thanks to all in attendance for their contributions over the past year, and wished everyone the very best of the season.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

CHAIR

PRESIDENT