

**Property Valuation Services Corporation
Board of Directors
Minutes
July 25, 2008**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Attendees

Lloyd P. Hines
Greg Keefe
Trudy LeBlanc
Bobby McNeil
Debbie Kampen

Carroll Publicover
Russell Walker
Darren Bruckschwaiger
Mervin Hartlen

Regrets

John Prall
Ken Simpson

Staff Attendees

Kathy Gillis
Russ Adams
Tracy Williams

1. Agenda

- The draft agenda was reviewed.

Moved by C. Publicover, seconded by Bobby McNeil that the agenda be accepted. Motion carried.

2. Minutes

- The draft Minutes of June 20, 2008 were reviewed.

Moved by T. LeBlanc, seconded by D. Kampen that the Minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

3. Business Arising

HST

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) has indicated it will be September before their decision letter is issued. (There has been no indication that CRA has reconsidered their position.)

The Finance and Audit Committee will start to focus on the 2009/2010 budget, as a result of the HST issue.

A letter was sent from Minister Jamie Muir, SNSMR, to the Hon. Jim Flaherty, Dept of Finance Canada, asking that municipal status be granted to the PVSC. This letter followed a letter from Deputy Minister Vicki Harnish, NS Dept. of Finance, to Commissioner William Baker, CRA, asking that matters regarding the intent of federal HST legislation be revisited to accommodate the type of arrangement that led to the creation of the PVSC.

G. Keefe noted that he met with PPP Canada Inc. (PPP is the federal government's public-private partnership's (P3) office) and in doing so, he raised with them the HST issue as this could be a policy change that will impact such partnership arrangements.

L. Hines recommended that the PVSC approach Minister Muir for help from a provincial level regarding the unintended result of the HST and to identify the “windfall” that the Province will receive, to see what relief can be provided to the PVSC (target a September meeting date – due to vacations).

Moved by D. Bruckschwaiger, seconded by B. MacNeil that L. Hines discuss the above noted recommendation via a meeting with Min Muir and that a letter (noting our “ask”) be provided to Minister Muir at the time of the meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

4. New Business

Human Rights Complaint

A confidential Briefing Note was issued to the Board regarding this issue.

It is viewed that the Assessment Services Transitional Board should not be named as a party in the complaint as the issue relates to the Province and its employees. The Province is in agreement with this position and will follow up on the complaint.

PVSC Annual Report

The annual report is almost complete and will be ready for the printer by end of next week – week of July 28th. The financial statements will form part of the report which were approved by the Board at last month’s meeting. A electronic copy of the report will be sent to the Board when it’s ready to go to print.

5. CEO Report

Staff are busy dealing with the last part of processing appeals and are getting into the court process.

Sales investigations are proceeding and a picture of the values for next year should be available by September.

The Provincial Assessment Inspection Program is continuing.

The pictometry “fly over” (aerial photos of Cape Breton and Halifax) is complete. And we are in the process of following-up with agencies. We are also looking at doing a pictometry pilot project and as part of this pilot a cost benefit analysis will be engaged.

**Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting – Fri., August 29, 2008**