# LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC VISIONING SESSION

Friday, October 23, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lane Transit District Board Room 3500 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene (in Glenwood)

Strategic Visioning Session Objective: Begin exploring options for LTD's 20-year vision and leadership needs and provide staff with concepts that can be refined into vision options to be reviewed by Board members in future visioning sessions.

# **Agenda**

|       | Agenda  |
|-------|---|
| 8:30  | Continental Breakfast   |
| 9:00  | Welcome - Mike Eyster   |
| 9:10  | Agenda Review and Room Logistics - Mary Adams   |
| 9:15  | Welcome Activity - Hannah Bradford  |
| 9:35  | The Past 20 Years Video Presentation - Pat Rather   |
| 9:45  | Break   |
| 9:55  | LTD's 20-Year Road Map: Discussion of Major Themes - Mark Pangborn  |
| 10:15 | Major Trends of the Future: What Futurists Predict for Global Trends - Mary Adams   |
| 10:20 | Building LTD's Future:  ≈ Milestones that will impact LTD's future  ≈ Service options  ≈ Fleet options  ≈ Facilities options  ≈ Technology options  ≈ Finance options |
| 11:55 | LUNCH  ≈ Leadership Needs for the Future  ≈ Discussions with Community Leaders  |
| 12:45 | Group Reports Regarding Lunch Discussions   |
| 1:30  | Discuss Next Steps  |
| 2:00  | Wrap-up and Adjourn   |
|       |   |

Q:\Reference\Board Packet\2009\10\Board Strategic Planng Ssn 10-23-09\October 23 Board Workshop Final Agenda1.docx



October 16, 2009

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

LTD Board of Directors

FROM:

Mark Pangborn, General Manager

SUBJECT:

October 23, 2009, Board Strategic Planning Session

LTD has a history of thoughtful planning processes that have lead to many opportunities for improving the mobility of citizens within the District. It has been some time since LTD has fully developed a 20-year vision. Staff have prepared an agenda (enclosed) for the October 23, 2009, work session that will begin the process of developing that 20-year vision. Staff will hand out materials related to the subjects presented during the course of the day, and notebooks will be provided. Note that a few community leaders have been invited to attend the work session and participate in informal lunch discussions concerning LTD's future leadership needs.

The product of the day's discussions will be handed to a small work group that will research the identified ideas and prepare more detailed information to bring back to the Board at future visioning sessions. This is an iterative process that will take place over the next several months, and will result in both a 20-year vision and defined competencies for LTD's future leadership.

MP:MA:jms

Enclosure

Q:\Reference\Board Packet\2009\10\Board Strategic Planng Ssn 10-23-09\cover memo.doc



# **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 23, 2009

ITEM TITLE: BOARD OF DIRECTORS 20 YEAR VISIONING

PREPARED BY: Mary Adams, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Participation in preparing first draft of LTD's 20 year vision.

BACKGROUND: LTD has a history of thoughtful planning processes that have lead to many

opportunities for improving the mobility of citizens within the district. It has been some time since LTD has fully developed a 20 year vision. Staff have prepared an agenda for today's meeting that will begin the process of developing that 20 year vision. A few community leaders have been invited to attend informal lunch discussions about LTD's future leadership needs. The product of today's discussions will be handed to a small work group that will research the identified ideas and prepare more detailed information to bring back to the board at future visioning sessions. This is an iterative process that will take place over the next several months, and results in both a 20 year vision, and defined competencies for LTD's future

leadership.

Q:\Reference\Board Packet\2009\02\Reg Mtg 02-18-09\contested case hearing Ops.docx

# The Next LTD Leader should...

### Communication

- Be very skilled in coaching others and in interpersonal communications.
- Be able to communicate ideas, views, observations, and facts to multiple levels of audiences.
- Possess excellent communication skills with employees, community members, etc.
- Be able to connect, communicate, and inspire employees of other generations and cultures.
- Have the ability to inspire, guide, and motivate individuals to perform at their best and to their highest potential.

# **Diversity**

- Be more culturally knowledgeable to address the communication and management of an emerging workforce.
- Have the ability to get consensus in diverse groups.
- Have the ability to form new partnerships and processes with others in the community.
- Understand how to manage a more mobile workforce.
- Have the knowledge of how to work with a multi-cultured workforce.
- Have the ability to work effectively with and across generations.

# Flexibility, Adaptability, & Innovation

- Be able to embrace change.
- Be innovative and self-motivated.
- Be adaptive and flexible in order to accommodate the changing environment.
- Be open to new ideas.
- Be able to manage uncertainty in a structured way by adapting to change and keeping the
  organization nimble as the future unfolds.
- Be open to innovation a risk taker.
- Be able to adapt to change, and have the ability to encourage and motivate others to do the same.

# Finance, Resources, & Politics

- Understand all funding options.
- Have the ability to find the resources to accomplish the mission of the organization.
- Have a high degree of knowledge in politics and policy, especially in transportation.
- Be able to manage more with fewer resources.

### **Vision**

- Have experience balancing the short-term needs and goals of the organization with the long-term vision and objectives of the organization.
- Have vision that inspires others to <u>get excited about and</u> share the vision of the organization.

# Other

- Be a continuous lifelong learner.
- Be able to manage complex processes effectively and efficiently.
- Have a balanced and comprehensive understanding of the value and contribution of each department.

Note: This list was generated at the Leadership Council retreat on September 28, 2009.

Deleted: September 28. 2009

Deleted: ¶

Commented [JS2]: Define levels? What kind of levels?

Commented [JS3]: See next comment.

Commented [JS4]: "adapt to change" wording duplicated too close together. Suggest different wording for one bullet point, or possibly combining the two ideas as one bullet point. It seems the two ideas could be somewhat related.

Deleted: our

Deleted:

Deleted: /

Deleted: an

Deleted: /

Deleted: and get excited about

Commented [JS5]: Recommend darker font.



# Building Leaders at Every Level

A Leadership Pipeline

BY STEPHEN J. DROTTER AND RAM CHARAN

REPRINT# 9B01TC04

IVEY MANAGEMENT SERVICES • MAY/JUNE 2001 COPYRIGHT® 2001

To order copies or request permission to reproduce materials, please contact:

Ivey Publishing, Ivey Management Services

c/o Richard Ivey School of Business

The University of Western Ontario

London, Ontario N6A 3K7

Tel: (519) 661-3208 Fax: (519) 661-3882 Email: cases@ivey.uwo.ca

Ivey Management Services prohibits any form of reproduction, storage or transmittal of this material without its written permission. This material is not covered under authorization form CanCopy or any other reproduction rights organization.

### Ivey Business Journal

is published by Ivey Management Services a division of the Richard Ivey School of Business. For subscription information, please contact: Ivey Business Journal 405 The West Mall, 6th Floor Toronto, Ontario M9C 5K7

Toll Free: 1-800-646-8531 Fax: (416) 620-1302 Email: ibj@ivey.uwo.ca

# BUILDING A LEADERSHIP PIPELINE LEADERS AT EVERY LEVEL

### A CRISIS IN LEADERSHIP

Over the past several years, the swift, and most often forced, departures of CEOs have become commonplace at companies in North America, Europe and Japan. Among those affected are Xerox, Lucent, JC Penney, Gillette, Texaco and Nissan. Nor does the list end here.

Today, a new psychology grips the board of directors at companies like those mentioned above: If your CEO has failed, you should recruit from outside the company, where the pastures are always greener.

But those boards would be wise not to adopt that new psychology. For example, Rick Thoman at Xerox came from outside the company. Today, Xerox is fighting for its life •

BY STEPHEN J. DROTTER AND RAM CHARAN

IVEY BUSINESS JOURNAL · MAY/JUNE 2001

and some think it will not be able to survive. The crucial lesson is this: While recruiting from the outside and taking risks may seem like a solution, it is one for the short term. For the long term, management must build, develop and maintain a pipeline of skilled, prepared leaders from within the company.

Many companies have practised this lesson. Xerox was one, but it failed. It did so because it failed to develop managers who:

- Were prepared and had the necessary skills to be effective at the next level
- Could understand what is unique about their job, especially compared to the jobs held by their boss and direct reports
- Could hold their direct reports and themselves accountable for achieving the right results in the right way.

An important truth underlies these three important points:

A crisis in leadership is the result of a company-wide breakdown rather than the actions or failure of one person. Moreover, finding the perfect CEO does not solve the crisis. Nor does going outside to fill senior leadership positions. In fact, going outside is an admission of failure and not very likely to succeed. Hiring an outsider masks the hard truth that a company has not developed a pipeline of leaders from among its ranks who can step in and

manage the bigger chal-

Based on work origi-

nally done at General Electric in the 1970s

lenges of the day.

(referred to as Critical Career

Crossroads and developed by Walter Mahler), and later

expanded to and tested in more than 80 companies, we devel-

oped a six-passage model for

understanding the leadership

requirements throughout an

entire company. We call this

model The Leadership Pipeline

(The Leadership Pipeline, by Ram

Charan, Stephen J. Drotter and

ENTERPRISE MANAGER

GROUP MANAGER

**BUSINESS MANAGER** 

**FUNCTION MANAGER** 

MANAGING MANAGERS

MANAGING OTHERS

MANAGING SELF

Jim Noel, Jossey-Bass Inc., 2001).

The six turns, or passages, in our pipeline are major events in the life of a leader. Grasping what each passage entails, and the challenges involved in making each transition, will help organizations build a leadership pipeline. It will also help build a leadership culture that will enable the organization to respond to changes and threats in the business environment.

### THE LEADERSHIP PIPELINE

# PASSAGE 1: managing self to managing others

New, young employees usually spend their first few years in an organization as individual contributors. Whether in sales, accounting, engineering or marketing, their skill requirements are primarily technical or professional. They contribute by doing the assigned work within given time frames and in ways that meet objectives. By sharpening and broadening their individual skills, they make increased contributions and are then considered for promotions.

From a time-application standpoint, learning involves planning (so that work is completed on time), punctuality, content, quality and reliability. The work values to be developed include accepting the company's culture and adopting professional standards. When people become skilled individual contributors who produce good results, especially when they demonstrate an ability to collaborate, they usually receive additional responsibilities. When they demonstrate an ability to handle these responsibilities and adhere to the company's values, they are often promoted to first-line manager.

When this happens, these individuals are at Passage One. Though this might seem like an easy, natural leadership passage, it's often one where people trip. The highest-performing people, especially, are reluctant to change; they want to keep doing the activities that made them successful. As a result, many people make the transition from individual contributor to manager without actually making a behavioral or value-based transition. In effect, they become managers without realizing or accepting the requirements. Many consultants, for instance, have skipped this turn, having moved from transitory team leadership to business leader without absorbing much of the learning in between. When business leaders miss this passage, the result is frequently disaster.

First-time managers need to learn how to reallocate their time so that they not only complete their assigned work but

MAY/JUNE 2001 • IVEY BUSINESS JOURNAL

also help others perform effectively. They must shift from doing work to getting work done through others. This is especially difficult for first-time managers. Part of the problem is that they still prefer to spend time on their old work, even as they take charge of a group. Yet the pressure to spend less time on individual work and more time on managing will increase at each passage. If people don't start making changes in how they allocate their time from the beginning, they're bound to become liabilities as they move up. It's a major reason why pipelines clog and leaders fail.

The most difficult change for managers to make at Passage One involves values. Specifically, they need to learn to value managerial work rather than just tolerate it. They must believe that making time for others—planning, coaching, and the like—is a necessary task and their responsibility. More than that, they must view this other-directed work as mission-critical to their success. For instance, first-line knowledge managers in the financial services industry find this transition extremely difficult. They value being producers, but they must learn to value making others productive. Given that these values had nothing to do with their success as individual contributors, it's difficult for them to make this dramatic shift.

While changes in skills and time application can be seen and measured, changes in values are more difficult to assess. Someone may appear to be making the changes demanded by this leadership turn. But, in fact, he or she is actually adhering to individual-contributor values. Value changes will take place only if upper management reinforces the need to shift beliefs, and if people find that they're successful at their new jobs after a value shift.

# PASSAGE 2: managing others to managing managers

Few companies address this passage in their training, even though this is the level where a management foundation is constructed, and even though level-two managers select and develop the people who will eventually become a company's leaders.

Perhaps the biggest difference from the previous passage is that, at this level, managers must only manage. They need to divest themselves of individual tasks. The key skills they must master during this transition include selecting people to turn Passage One, assigning managerial and leadership work to them, measuring their progress as managers, and coaching them. At this point, managers must also see beyond their own job description and consider the broad

"THE PRESSURE TO SPEND LESS TIME ON INDIVIDUAL WORK AND MORE TIME ON MANAG-ING WILL INCREASE AT EACH PASSAGE"

strategic issues that affect the business overall.

Too often, people who have been promoted to manager-of-manager positions have skipped Passage One; they were promoted to first-line managers but didn't change skills, time application or work values. As a result, they clog the leadership pipeline because they hold first-line managers accountable for technical work rather than managerial work. They help maintain and even instill the wrong values in those individuals who report to them. They are essentially unable to differentiate between those who can do and those who can lead.

Managers at Passage Two need to be able to identify value-based resistance to managerial work, a common reaction among first-line managers. They need to recognize that the software designer who would rather design software than manage others cannot be allowed to move up to a leadership role. No matter how brilliant he or she might be at designing software, the individual will block the leadership pipeline if he or she does not derive satisfaction from managing and leading people. In fact, one of the tough responsibilities for managers of managers is to return people to individual contributor roles if they don't shift their behaviour and values.

Coaching is also essential at this level because first-line managers frequently don't receive formal training in how to be a manager; they're dependent on their bosses to instruct them on the job. Coaching requires managers to go through the instruction-performance-feedback cycle with their people; some managers aren't willing to reallocate their time in this way. In many organizations, coaching ability isn't rewarded (and the lack of it isn't penalized). It's no wonder that relatively few managers view coaching as mission-critical.

IVEY BUSINESS JOURNAL · MAY/JUNE 2001

# "A MAJOR SHIFT IN SKILLS, TIME APPLICATION AND WORK VALUES MUST TAKE PLACE"

# PASSAGE 3: managing managers to managing a function

Making this transition is tougher than it appears. While the difference between managing managers and managing a function might appear to be negligible, a number of significant challenges lurk below the surface. For example, communicating with the individual-contributor level now requires penetrating at least two layers of management, thus making the development of new communication skills mandatory. Functional heads must also manage some areas that are unfamiliar to them. They must not only endeavour to understand this foreign work but learn to value it as well.

At the same time, functional managers report to multifunctional general managers. They therefore have to become skilled in considering other functional needs and concerns. Team-play with other functional managers and competition for resources based on business needs are two major skills they must learn. At the same time, managers at this level should learn how to blend the strategy for their own unit with the business's overall strategy. This means participating in business-team meetings and working with other functional managers, and spending less time on purely functional responsibilities. This is why it is essential that functional managers delegate responsibility for overseeing many functional tasks.

Succeeding in this leadership passage also requires increased managerial maturity. In one sense, maturity means thinking and acting like a functional leader rather than a functional member. But it also means that managers need to adopt a broad, long-term perspective. Long-term strategy, especially applied to their own function, is usually what gives most managers trouble at this stage. At this level, effective leadership entails creating a functional strat-

egy that enables them to do something better than the competition. Whether it's coming up with a method to design more innovative products or reach new customer groups, these managers must push the functional envelope. They must also push it into the future for a sustainable competitive advantage rather than just for an immediate, but temporary, edge.

# PASSAGE 4: functional manager to business manager

This leadership passage is often the most satisfying and challenging of a manager's career. For any organization, it's mission-critical: Business managers are responsible for the bottom line.

Business managers usually have significant autonomy, which people with leadership instincts find liberating. They also are able to see a clear link between their efforts and bottom-line results. At the same time, this passage also represents a sharp turn: A major shift in skills, time application and work values must take place. This is not simply a matter of thinking more strategically. Rather than consider the feasibility of an activity, a business manager must examine it from a short- and long-term profit perspective.

There are probably more new and unfamiliar responsibilities here than at other levels. For people who have only been in one function their entire careers, the position of business manager represents unexplored territory; they are suddenly responsible for many unfamiliar functions and outcomes. Not only do they have to learn to manage different functions, but they also need to become skilled at working with a wider variety of people than ever before; they need to become more sensitive to functional diversity issues and able to communicate clearly and effectively.

Even more difficult is the balancing act between future goals and present needs, and making trade-offs between the two. Business managers must meet quarterly profit, market share, product and people targets and, at the same time, plan three- to five-year goals. The trial of balancing short- and long-term thinking is one that bedevils many managers at this turn. It is why allocating time to think is a major requirement at this level: Managers need to stop doing something every second of the day and reserve time to reflect and analyze.

# PASSAGE 5: business manager to group manager

This is another leadership passage that, at first glance, doesn't seem arduous. The assumption is that if you can

24 MAY/JUNE 2001 • IVEY BUSINESS JOURNAL

run one business successfully, you can do the same with two or more businesses. The flaw in this reasoning begins with what is valued at each leadership level. A business manager values the success of his own business; a group manager values the success of other people's businesses. The distinction is critical because some people derive satisfaction only when they're the ones receiving the lion's share of the credit.

As you might imagine, a group manager who doesn't value the success of others will fail to inspire and support the business managers who report to him. Or, his or her actions might be governed by frustration; the individual is convinced he or she could operate the various businesses better than his or her manager. In either instance, the leadership pipeline becomes clogged with business managers who aren't operating at peak capacity because they're not being properly supported or their authority is being usurped.

# group managers must master four skills:

- 1. Evaluate strategy in order to allocate and deploy capital. This is a sophisticated skill that involves learning to ask the right questions, analyzing the right data, and applying the right corporate perspective to understand which business strategy (prepared by business managers) has the greatest probability of success, and should therefore be funded.
- **2.** Develop business managers. Group managers need to know which function-managers are ready to become business managers. Coaching new business managers is also important.
- **3.** Develop and implement a portfolio strategy. This is quite different from a business strategy and demands a shift

### A SMALL-BUSINESS PIPELINE

In a company of less than 20 people, there is only one real leadership passage—from managing oneself (the owner) to managing others. The owner-founder usually has to move from being an individual contributor to a manager of other people. After designing a product or creating a service, he or she must hire more people. This marks the beginning of the leadership passage.

If the business is to survive, the owner must learn and value skills such as coaching, planning and rewarding employees. If not, people will either quit or, even worse, stay and perform poorly. A significant percentage of owner-founder enterprises fail to become large organizations. In many instances, they survive for one or two generations after the founder has left. In venture-capital-funded companies, founders are frequently replaced by more experienced managers from larger companies sooner rather than later. Given all this, a small company's leadership passages are limited by size and circumstance.

If the business evolves and more people and offices or stores are added, the owner must again go through a leadership passage. Because he or she can't be everywhere at once, the leader must appoint additional managers and hold them accountable for managerial work. He or she must ascertain that the work of the entire enterprise is integrated so that customers are properly served and resources used efficiently. Essentially, this business owner is going through Passage Two, from managing others to managing managers. In this role, he or she must make sure the total effort is profitable and susin how he or she perceives the business. This is the first time managers have to ask these questions: Do I have the right collection of businesses? What businesses should be added, subtracted or changed to position us properly and assure current and future earnings?

**4.** Assess whether they have the right core capabilities to win. This means avoiding wishful thinking, looking at resources objectively, and making a judgment based on analysis and experience.

A leader at this level must have a global perspective. People may master the required skills, but they won't perform at full leadership capacity if they don't think in broad terms, aren't able to factor in the complexities of running multiple businesses, and don't think in terms of community, industry, governmental and ceremonial activities. They must also prepare themselves for the bigger decisions, greater risks and uncertainties, and the longer time spans inherent to this leadership level. They must always be aware of what Wall Street wants.

# PASSAGE 6: group manager to enterprise manager

When the leadership pipeline becomes clogged at the top, all leadership levels suffer. CEOs who have skipped one or more passages can diminish the performance of direct reports and individuals all the way down the line. They fail to develop other managers effectively, and don't fulfill the responsibilities that come with this position.

The transition during the sixth passage is much more focused on values than skills. To an even greater extent than at the previous level, people must reinvent themselves as enterprise •

managers. They must set direction and develop operating mechanisms to know and drive quarter-by-quarter performance that is in tune with longer-term strategy.

They must thoroughly understand how the organization executes and gets things done. The trade-offs involved can be mind-bending, and enterprise leaders learn to value these trade-offs. In addition, this new leadership role requires an ability to manage a long list of external constituencies proactively.

Enterprise leaders need to come to terms with the fact that their performance as a CEO will be based on three or four high-impact decisions each year. There's a subtle but fundamental shift in responsibility from strategic to visionary thinking, and from an operating to a global perspective. There's also a letting-go process that should take place during this passage, if it hasn't taken place already. Enterprise leaders must let go of the pieces, i.e., the individual products and customers, and focus on the whole, i.e., how well do we conceive, develop, produce and market all products to all customers.

Finally, at this level, a CEO must assemble a team of high-achieving, ambitious direct reports, knowing that some of them want his job, yet picking them for the team despite this knowledge. Also, this is the only leadership position that must shape the soft side of the enterprise.

# leadership pipeline problems occur at this level for two reasons:

1. CEOs are often unaware that this passage requires a significant change in values. Too many CEOs fail because they didn't recognize the requirement to make a full turn. They maintain the same skills, time applications and work values that

tainable. Setting goals based on what customers want and what the competition is doing is another new responsibility.

Small businesses often fail when a new level of leadership-management must be added. We worked closely with a financial service institution that did acquisitions lending to small business. The company asked us to help it determine, before the loan was made, whether the borrowing company could manage a larger company post-acquisition. We studied almost 50 loans and found that the companies that failed to manage the acquisition were headed by people who were reluctant to change their own work habits; they found it difficult to give up their hands-on involvement or trust a new layer of management. In other words, the leader-owner was unable or unwilling to make a crucial leadership passage.

# A SMALL-BUSINESS PIPELINE MODEL

As a business continues to grow, understanding the passages in this expanding organization is crucial. The group level (managers of several businesses) doesn't apply to the small-business model, and the work of the enterprise manager is done by the business manager (who runs the business for short-term and long-term results and deals with government agencies and key customers). Similarly, the functional manager's position in this small-business model is usually absorbed by the managerof-managers layer.

With these differences in mind, smaller companies can reap the same leadership-development benefits as larger organizations.

served them well as group managers, and never adjust their self-concept to fit their new leadership role. They behave as though they are running a portfolio of businesses, not one entity. They must have the will and determination to change their work values.

**2.** It is difficult to develop a CEO for this particular leadership transition. Preparation for the position is the result of a series of diverse experiences over a long period of time. The best approach provides carefully selected job assignments that stretch people over time and allow them to learn and practise the necessary skills. Though coaching might be helpful, people usually need time, experience and the right assignments to develop into effective CEOs.

# THE BENEFITS OF A PIPELINE

Too often, organizations don't realize that their leaders aren't performing at full capacity because they aren't holding them accountable for the right things. Companies focus only on the economic requirements of a given job rather than the skills, time application and work values of a specific leadership level. As a result, a business manager is allowed to spend most of his or her time acquiring new customers rather than developing an effective business strategy. Or the business manager's boss, the group manager, never questions or explores what the business manager values about his or her work, and whether those values are appropriate for the leadership the company requires. But when this business manager's strategy is flawed and important goals aren't achieved, the group manager isn't held accountable (or held accountable for the right thing).

# A well-defined leadership pipeline delivers important benefits

- **1.** By establishing appropriate requirements for the six leadership levels, companies can greatly facilitate succession planning, and leadership development and selection processes in their organizations.
- **2.** Individual managers can clearly see the gap between their current performance and the desired performance. They can also see gaps in their training and experience, and where they may have skipped a passage (or parts of a passage) and how that's hurting their performance.
- **3.** HR can make development decisions based on where people fall short in skills, time application and work values, rather than rely on generalized training and development programs.
- **4.** An individual's readiness for a move to the next leadership level can be evaluated objectively rather than tied to how well they performed in their previous position.
- **5.** Leadership passages provide companies with a way to improve selection. Rather than basing their selection decisions on past performance alone, personal connections or preferences, managers can be held to a higher, more effective standard. Organizations can select someone to make a leadership turn when an individual is demonstrating some of the skills required at the next level.
- **6.** A defined pipeline provides organizations with a diagnostic tool that helps them identify mismatches between individuals' capabilities and their leadership level. Therefore, remedying the situation or, if necessary, removing the mismatched person, which is more likely.
- **7.** It helps organizations move people through leadership passages at the right speed. People who ticket-punch their way through jobs don't absorb the necessary work values and skills. The pipeline provides a system for identifying when someone is ready to move to the next leadership level.

# "EVERYONE WINS AND SO DOES THE COMPANY"

**8.** It reduces the time needed to prepare an individual for the top leadership position in a large corporation. Because the pipeline clearly defines what is needed to move from one level to the next, there's little or no wasted time on jobs that merely duplicate skills.

From a pure talent perspective, however, the most significant benefit of a pipeline is that you don't need to bring in stars to prime the leadership pump and unclog the pipeline. You can create your own stars up and down the line, beginning at the first level when people make the transition from managing themselves to managing others. By moving people upward only when they have mastered the assigned level greatly increases their chances of success. Clearly defining the new requirements enables them to help themselves and help their direct reports. Everyone wins and so does the company. Recruiting outside for top positions will be greatly reduced.

STEPHEN J. DROTTER IS CEO OF DROTTER HUMAN RESOURCES, IN BERWYN, PENN-SYLVANIA. RAMCHARANIS A DALLAS, TEXAS-BASEDLEADERSHIPCOACHAND A FORMER FACULTY MEMBER AT THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL. THEY ARE THE CO-AUTHORS OF THE LEADERSHIP PIPELINE, JOSSEY-BASS INC., 2001.

REPRINT #9BO1TCO4

# subscribe

ibjsubscriptions@ivey.uwo.ca

IVEY BUSINESS JOURNAL · MAY/JUNE 2001

# LTD Board of Directors Strategic Visioning Session October 23, 2009

# **Attendee List**

# **Board Members:**

Mike Dubick
Mike Eyster
Greg Evans
Gary Gillespie
Dean Kortge
Ed Necker
Doris Towery

# LTD Staff:

Mary Adams
Diane Hellekson
Mark Johnson
Todd Lipkin
Mark Pangborn
Steve Parrott
Sue Quick
Pat Rather
Jeanne Schapper
Tom Schwetz
Charlie Simmons
George Trauger
Stef Viggiano
Andy Vobora

# **Community Leaders:**

Gino Grimaldi - confirmed

Jon Ruiz - confirmed

Ann Marie Levis - confirmed

Peter Davidson - confirmed

Liz Cawood - confirmed

Steve Roth - confirmed

Dan Egan - trying to attend

Dwight Collins - invited

Rep. Chris Edwards - invited, has not canceled but not likely to attend

# **Table Assignments**

# Table A:

Diane Hellekson – table monitor Mike Dubick Greg Evans Steve Roth Mark Pangborn Sue Quick \* Community Leader

# Table B:

Mary Adams – table monitor Mike Eyster Gary Gillespie Liz Cawood Jon Ruiz Charlie Simmons Todd Lipkin

# Table C:

Mark Johnson – table monitor Dean Kortge Ann Marie Levis Peter Davidson Steve Parrott George Trauger Andy Vobora

# Table D:

Stef Viggiano – table monitor Doris Towery Ed Necker Gino Grimaldi Pat Rather Jeanne Schapper Tom Schwetz

<sup>\*</sup> Unassigned due to status: Dan Egan, Dwight Collins, Chris Edwards

# The Next LTD Leader should...

October 15. 2009

# Communication

- Be very skilled in coaching others and in interpersonal communications.
- Be able to communicate ideas, views, observations, and facts to all types of audiences.
- Possess excellent communication skills with employees, community members, etc.
- Be able to connect, communicate, and inspire employees of other generations and cultures.
- Have the ability to inspire, guide, and motivate individuals to perform at their best and to their highest potential.

# **Diversity**

- Be more culturally knowledgeable to address the communication and management of an emerging workforce.
- Have the ability to get consensus in diverse groups.
- Have the ability to form new partnerships and processes with others in the community.
- Understand how to manage a more mobile workforce.
- Have the knowledge of how to work with a multi-cultured workforce.
- Have the ability to work effectively with and across generations.

# Flexibility, Adaptability, & Innovation

- Be able to embrace change.
- Be innovative and self-motivated.
- Be adaptive and flexible in order to accommodate the changing environment.
- Be open to new ideas.
- Be able to manage uncertainty in a structured manner keep the organization nimble as the future unfolds.
- Be open to innovation a risk taker.
- Be able to adapt to change, and have the ability to encourage and motivate others to do the same.

# Finance, Resources, & Politics

- Understand all funding options.
- Have the ability to find the resources to accomplish the mission of the organization.
- Have a high degree of knowledge in politics and policy, especially in transportation.
- Be able to manage more with fewer resources.

# **Vision**

- Have experience balancing the short-term needs and goals of the organization with the longterm vision and objectives of the organization.
- Have vision that inspires others to get excited about and share the vision of the organization.

# **Other**

- Be a continuous lifelong learner.
- Be able to manage complex processes effectively and efficiently.
- Have a balanced and comprehensive understanding of the value and contribution of each department.



October 16, 2009

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

LTD Board of Directors

FROM:

Mark Pangborn, General Manager

SUBJECT:

October 23, 2009, Board Strategic Planning Session

LTD has a history of thoughtful planning processes that have lead to many opportunities for improving the mobility of citizens within the District. It has been some time since LTD has fully developed a 20-year vision. Staff have prepared an agenda (enclosed) for the October 23, 2009, work session that will begin the process of developing that 20-year vision. Staff will hand out materials related to the subjects presented during the course of the day, and notebooks will be provided. Note that a few community leaders have been invited to attend the work session and participate in informal lunch discussions concerning LTD's future leadership needs.

The product of the day's discussions will be handed to a small work group that will research the identified ideas and prepare more detailed information to bring back to the Board at future visioning sessions. This is an iterative process that will take place over the next several months, and will result in both a 20-year vision and defined competencies for LTD's future leadership.

MP:MA:ims

Enclosure

Q:\Reference\Board Packet\2009\19\Board Strategic Planng Ssn 10-23-09\cover memo.doc

Lay Sillespie ry: We look freward to seeing you Luday

Dehapper

# LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC VISIONING SESSION

Friday, October 23, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lane Transit District Board Room 3500 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene (in Glenwood)

Strategic Visioning Session Objective: Begin exploring options for LTD's 20-year vision and leadership needs and provide staff with concepts that can be refined into vision options to be reviewed by Board members in future visioning sessions.

| Agenda |   |  |
|--------|---|--|
| 8:30   | Continental Breakfast   |  |
| 9:00   | Welcome - Mike Eyster   |  |
| 9:10   | Agenda Review and Room Logistics - Mary Adams   |  |
| 9:15   | Welcome Activity - Hannah Bradford  |  |
| 9:35   | The Past 20 Years Video Presentation - Pat Rather   |  |
| 9:45   | Break   |  |
| 9:55   | LTD's 20-Year Road Map: Discussion of Major Themes - Mark Pangborn  |  |
| 10:15  | Major Trends of the Future: What Futurists Predict for Global Trends - Mary Adams   |  |
| 10:20  | Building LTD's Future:  ≈ Milestones that will impact LTD's future  ≈ Service options  ≈ Fleet options  ≈ Facilities options  ≈ Technology options  ≈ Finance options |  |
| 11:55  | LUNCH  ≈ Leadership Needs for the Future  ≈ Discussions with Community Leaders  |  |
| 12:45  | Group Reports Regarding Lunch Discussions   |  |
| 1:30   | Discuss Next Steps  |  |
| 2:00   | Wrap-up and Adjourn   |  |

# LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGIC VISIONING SESSION

Friday, October 23, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lane Transit District Board Room 3500 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene (in Glenwood)

Strategic Visioning Session Objective: Begin exploring options for LTD's 20-year vision and leadership needs and provide staff with concepts that can be refined into vision options to be reviewed by Board members in future visioning sessions.

# Agenda

|       | 3.  |
|-------|---|
| 8:30  | Continental Breakfast   |
| 9:00  | Welcome - Mike Eyster   |
| 9:10  | Agenda Review and Room Logistics - Mary Adams   |
| 9:15  | Welcome Activity - Hannah Bradford  |
| 9:35  | The Past 20 Years Video Presentation - Pat Rather   |
| 9:45  | Break   |
| 9:55  | LTD's 20-Year Road Map: Discussion of Major Themes - Mark Pangborn  |
| 10:15 | Major Trends of the Future: What Futurists Predict for Global Trends - Mary Adams   |
| 10:20 | Building LTD's Future:  ≈ Milestones that will impact LTD's future  ≈ Service options  ≈ Fleet options  ≈ Facilities options  ≈ Technology options  ≈ Finance options |
| 11:55 | LUNCH  ≈ Leadership Needs for the Future  ≈ Discussions with Community Leaders  |
| 12:45 | Group Reports Regarding Lunch Discussions   |
| 1:30  | Discuss Next Steps  |
| 2:00  | Wrap-up and Adjourn   |

Q:\Reference\Board Packet\2009\10\Board Strategic Planng Ssn 10-23-09\October 23 Board Workshop Final Agenda1.docx

