

Meeting – May 24, 2017

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Gym D - 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President of the Board of Management at 6:25pm.

“We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh”

Gwen introduced Elders Anne Prince and Mertel Mitchell who shared opening prayer and remarks to begin the meeting.

Gwen thanked all the volunteers who helped get the AGM ready with set up, food and signing members in, and welcomed everyone attending to enjoy the food available during the meeting which was made by the Friendship Catering Services of the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

Gwen acknowledged Stuart MacKinnon, the Park Board Liaison for Britannia, and he thanked the volunteers, staff and community for all they do to make Britannia a great centre and heart of the community.

2. Agenda and Notice of the Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND NOTICE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THE NOTICE OF MEETING WAS CIRCULATED IN THE COURIER FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Penny Street/ Scott Clark

Carried

3. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016.

Levi Higgs/ Ingrid Kolsteren

Carried

4. President's Report

Gwen Giesbrecht referenced her report on page 3 of the Annual Report, and highlighted the work of the Planning & Development Committee and all their time and effort supporting the Britannia Renewal process. There has also been a renewal of energy and opportunity to engage in more meaningful ways with our community, especially our Aboriginal community.

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She acknowledged the hard work of site partners and many groups who involve students, adults and elders, such as the Grandview Woodlands Food Connection and all the work in the gardens and community kitchens. Deep gratitude to all the staff and volunteers that lead to successful programs, services and supports around the site wherever possible.

5. Executive Director’s Report

Cynthia Low began with remembrance of important lives lost in our community this past year. Margaret Mitchell who was a passionate advocate and elected leader in the community, John Minichiello who was a Britannia Secondary teacher & principal who was integral to the foundation and development of Britannia, and Brenda Coombs who was a long time staff member and union leader who worked tirelessly for Britannia and all staff in her years here.

Ellen Woodsworth thanked Cynthia for having Britannia open the Warming Centre this winter, Cynthia recognized the staff who stepped up to make it happen, and thanked the Board and the neighbourhood for supporting the initiative.

Reconciliation and the renewal of partnerships was the primary focus of the year and acknowledged the hard work and positive energy of all the staff and volunteers. The full report is on page 4 of the Annual Report and people are welcome to contact her anytime with questions or comments.

6. Treasurer’s Report

John Flipse thanked the Board for electing him Treasurer again the past year, and thanked Jeremy Shier and staff who help the Finance Committee who are entrusted to oversee the centre’s \$7.5 million budget. Jeremy’s background in finance has been most helpful. The Treasurer’s report can be found on page 8 of the Annual Report, and Financial Statements are on pages 9-10.

MOTION: TO APPOINT KPMG AS THE AUDITORS FOR 2017.

Penny Street/ Melanie Bergland Carried

MOTION: TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

Melanie Bergland/ Sylvia Oates Carried

7. Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Susanne Dahlin shared an update on the work of the committee which has been actively pushing for change for many years before the money was committed by the City for renewal of the site. They meet monthly in the board room and have dedicated a lot of time working with the City planning committee every week, and there are consultations happening almost daily between focus groups, workshops, a speakers series, and doing outreach at community events. Updates can always be found on the Britannia Renewal web site, and those who are interested can sign up for the mailing list.

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Susanne reminded the membership that this is *your* renewal, and we need you to stay involved. The Open House event we hosted to open the B-Lab and kick off the official Britannia Renewal consultation stage had over 1200 people attend. Keep up the interest and activity so planners know this is a community with clout and a voice.

Seniors, Elders & Advocates Committee (SEA)

Chris Morrissey shared that the previous seniors committee has evolved over time most recently a new group has come together as the Seniors, Elders and Advocates Committee (SEA).

The meetings so far have brought together a diverse range of elders from the Aboriginal, Latin American and other backgrounds with a strong focus on Reconciliation, talking and learning from each other. The 55+ Centre is a microcosm of the broader community, and showing how to build bridges across the divides. All seniors are welcome to join the new committee, to come out have their opinions heard.

8. Appreciation

Gwen introduced Ingrid Kolsteren, Vice President of the Board of Management, to present Certificates of Appreciation to the Britannia Board members whose terms were ending.

9. Election Process

Ingrid Kolsteren opened the nomination and election process. She went through the list of candidates that had submitted their nominations and confirmed they wanted to stand. Each candidate was asked to come to the front. She then opened nominations from the floor. The staff representative position is one year remaining from a two year term.

Brendan Boylan

Susanne Dahlin

Annie Danilko

Pamela Dudas

Vera Jones

Freya Kristensen

Andrew Phillips

Jaiden Simmons (staff representative position)

MOTION: TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

Ed Stringer/ Craig Ollenberger

Carried

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THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

Each candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves and say a few words. The floor was opened for questions but there were none.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT, BY ACCLAMATION, THE CANDIDATES AS MEMBERS OF THE 2017-2018 BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Judy McGuire/ Ellen Woodsworth

CARRIED

ELECTED:

Brendan Boylan - 2 years

Susanne Dahlin - 2 years

Annie Danilko - 2 years

Pamela Dudas - 2 year

Vera Jones - 2 years

Freya Kristensen - 2 years

Andrew Phillips - 2 years

Jaiden Simmons - 1 year (staff representative position)

The new Board was asked to attend a short meeting in the Information Centre to elect the new Executive. Ingrid thanked everyone for standing for election and congratulated them.

Gwen thanked everyone for attending the Annual General meeting, thanked all the volunteers and staff for their work and called for motion to adjourn.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7:18pm

Penny Street/ Melanie Bergland

Carried