

**Britannia Board Meeting
January 9, 2019**

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Scott Clark, John Flipse, Annie Danilko, Freya Kristensen, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Vera Jones, Craig Ollenberger, Andrew Phillips, Naina Varshney, Megan Langley, Stuart MacKinnon, Carmen Cho
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Rachel Day, Kathy Whittam
REGRETS: Jeremy Shier, Ingrid Kolsteren, Alec MacInnes, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Levi Higgs
GUESTS: Erin Grant, Fraser McElroy, Terry McNeney, Li-Mei Yip

Board meeting called to order at 6:02pm

1. Approval of Agenda of January 9, 2019.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA as amended

Naina Varshney /Annie Danilko

CARRIED

Move Vancouver Park Board update from Stuart MacKinnon to 4a.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2018

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Naina Varshney/Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

3. New Staff Introduction – Peter

- Fraser McElroy began as our new Sports & Wellness Programmer a few weeks ago with many years' experience at Creekside and Roundhouse community centres
- First day was the Micro Footie coach's registration throwing him right into the thick of action here
- A strong collaborator and looking forward to supporting existing programs and will try to bring in new ones
- Walter Ramos was sick and unable to attend for introduction

4. Board Business

Vancouver Park Board – Stuart MacKinnon

- Approval of a new off leash Dog Park in the neighbourhood at Pandora Park. Design out for tender and then will have an update on when it will be developed and open.
- Recent review of Park Board procedural by-laws
- Passed 2019 operating budget, highlights include \$10 million for new park land and \$2 million for the urban canopy to help reach 2020 Greenest City Goals
- Children up to 4 years old now free for pools and skating
- 2 new turf fields have been approved and now 4 potential locations are being explored. Clinton Park is one which the neighbourhood has concerns around.

Appointment of new Board member – Freya

- Li-Mei Yip and Terry McNeney were nominated by current board members for one vacant position which is open until the AGM in May, and then will be up for election for 1 year.
- Both candidates were introduced and then Board members cast their votes.

MOTION TO APPOINT LI-MEI YIP TO FILL THE VACANT BOARD POSITION UNTIL THE 2019 AGM.

Susanne Dahlin/Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

5. Our Place Presentation – Erin Grant, Scott Clark

- Our Place (*Promoting Local Access and Community Empowerment*) is a multi-organizational collaboration with a focus on 5 inner city neighbourhoods: Grandview Woodland, Strathcona, Hastings-Sunrise, Mt Pleasant and the Downtown Eastside.
- In 2011 the Youth Matters process began when stakeholders became concerned about vulnerable youth in the community with needs not being met by the individual silos of organizations trying to care for them
- Together the collaboration uses place-based thinking to develop strategies that work for unique needs of the families in each neighbourhood.
- Focus on four areas of impact – People, Place, Policy, and Systems.
- People and Place come first as the foundation where the solutions come from to impact systems and policy
- Several ongoing strategies to engage all ages including MoreSports, a Graduation Strategy, RISE, NASKARZ, Reconciliation in Action, Youth Matter and Elders Participating in Community.
- Guiding principles for their work are based on system level thinking that builds the capacity of the community and local accountability where decision makers are answerable to the neighbourhood first
- Key aim of Our Place model is to create leaders in the community, build alliances to strengthen existing services and connections, and ensure equitable inter-stakeholder engagement in decision making.
- The well-being of people, especially children, is impacted by the neighbourhood they live in, and the place-based approach moves away from segregated “One-size-fits-all” approaches that aren’t working for most
- Important work done by Our Place to develop the Community Accountability Pledge and getting buy-in from various levels of government, civil society and funders to work together differently in the inner city communities where there is a high level of vulnerability
- The pledge has been signed by over 30 organizations including the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Park Board, the Vancouver Public Library, the Vancouver Police Department, the First Nations Health Council, the Representative for Children and Youth, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, The First Nations Summit, The North West Indigenous Council, and the British Columbia Government Employees Union, as well as several community organizations.
- Our Place Community Governance and Leadership Table has been exploring alternative models of community governance, including Community Resource

- Boards, Office of Neighbourhood Involvement, and Participatory Budgeting, as well as urban Indigenous approaches to governance
- Held a Community Governance forum in May 2018 reviewing models of success that could be adapted to place-based methods here, and explore how we work together to measure Accountability, Inclusivity and Transparency
 - New decision making required at 2 levels, the neighbourhood level and a community-hub level
 - The Our Place Inner City Assembly model of representatives from the 5 neighbourhoods, is a model that could be used in other areas of the City
 - No other work like this happening anywhere in Canada
 - Erin created a resource document to help organizations adopt more place-based strategies called “Reconciliation in Action: Towards Building Healthy Communities” which is available on the www.alivesociety.ca web site
 - Event coming up on January 18th at Hastings Community Centre and information will be circulated to the Board

ACTION – Kathy will share Jan 18th event information with the Board.

6. Old Business

Board Committee Appointments

- Full lists of committees were presented at the meeting with some revisions needed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ARTS & CULTURE, CHILD CARE, BOARD DEVELOPMENT, POOL & FITNESS, AND RECONCILIATION IN ACTION COMMITTEES
Craig Ollenberger/ Naina Varshney **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCE COMMITTEE AS AMENDED
John Flipse/ Annie Danilko **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPROVE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AS AMENDED
Craig Ollenberger/ Pamela Dudas **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SENIORS, ELDERS & ADVOCATES COMMITTEE AS AMENDED
Annie Danilko/ Craig Ollenberger **CARRIED**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE AS AMENDED
Craig Ollenberger/ Li-Mei Yip **CARRIED**

2019 Board Priorities – Cynthia

- Everyone should be talking about these with their committees
- Five actions including Renewal
- Review Access and Inclusion using Program Principles
- Strategic planning for 2020-25
- Reconciliation planning as we still have silos that can benefit from this work
- How do we work behind the scenes to support these goals?

ACTION – Everyone needs to send their feedback on Priorities to Cynthia now so they can be approved in February

Britannia Renewal – Susanne

- Housing sub-committee meeting tomorrow night
- Tentative date for Housing Forum will be March 1st
- Next Planning & Development meeting on Jan 22nd

7. Correspondence Report

8. New Business

Britannia Secondary Pool Lessons – p.8

- A request was made for contributing funding of pool fees to enhance the ability of all Britannia Secondary students to receive basic swimming, and fundamental water safety and survival skills

MOTION THAT THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT PROVIDE \$1500 TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. THIS FUNDING WILL GO TOWARDS THE \$2300 POOL FEE.

Pamela Dudas/ Freya Kristensen

CARRIED

Britannia Pow Wow 2019

- After success in 2018 Britannia recommended to host again.
- Waiting on feedback from the schools before choosing dates to make sure they are involved

9. Partners' Reports

VPB – Peter p.9

- Busy helping Fraser and Walter settle in, and soon to hire new Arts & Culture and Youth Outreach programmers and a UMW
- Tom has worked with team of staff to open warming centre for 9 days over the past few weeks
- Britannia has highest LAP usage in the city and processes the most passes

VPL – Megan

- Had a closure on Dec 20-21 for installation of new desks which have more flexibility for layouts
- Still a work in progress and waiting on furniture for the children's area
- December saw huge turnouts for story times
- Ariel the Teen Librarian has been busy working with the new Britannia Secondary school librarian
- The new year is off to busy start with book clubs, movie nights and more

VSF – Carmen

- Carmen has been appointed as the Trustee liaison to Britannia Centre and Barb Parrot will be liaison to the Britannia schools
- Orientation is ongoing and developing work plan for 2019
- Government and policy focus of previous School Board is shifting to a focus on improving student outcomes
- Committees renamed from numerical committee #1, 2 etc, to Student Learning & Well-being and Finance

- Our Place presentation will be made to the Student Well-being Committee
- Will look into having VSB as a signatory on the Our Place Community Accountability Pledge

10. Administration Reports

Executive Director – p.10

- Filling in on some things while Jeremy is away
- Primary focus is on grant writing for RIA, Youth Incentives and Hip Hop Drop

Manager of Administrative Services – p.11

- Was a busy December of tying up year-end budget matters
- BCGEU pay changes implemented retroactively

Manager of Child Care Services – p.12

- Caught up on administrative tasks
- All centres approved for wage enhancement for the new year
- Received \$300 from Vantage Point to help child care boards with strategic planning

11. Board Check-in

12. Consent Items

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger/ Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:23pm

Craig Ollenberger/ Naina Varshney

CARRIED

Executive - In Camera