**Britannia Board Meeting**

**May 10, 2017**

**Board Room – Information Centre**

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Craig Ollenberger, John Flipse, Ye Chu, Freya Kristensen, Brendan Boylan, Stuart MacKinnon, Scott Clark, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Levi Higgs,

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Peter Odysnky, Rachel Day, Kathy Whittam

GUEST: Erin Grant, Linda Morgan, Eugene Lee

REGRETS: Susanne Dahlin, Ingrid Kolteren, Megan Langley

**Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:08pm**

**Note: Acknowledgment of the passing of John Minichiello. Britannia is hosting a celebration of life on May 16th at 1:30pm at the Hall, 1739 Venables.**

1. **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

**Brendan Boylan/Levi Higgs CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**Scott Clark/Freya Kristensen CARRIED**

1. **New Business**
2. Vertical Influences Debrief
* Partnership with the Cultch for 2 weeks in April as part of Canada 150+
* Minimal impact on programming
* 600 free tickets provided to the community
* Didn’t anticipate for accessibility for working poor and lower-income families and will ask appropriate questions going forward
* Very positive experience all around
* Thank you to Peter, Susy and Mawi as well as all the staff that supported the event
1. International Women’s Day Petition – p.7

**MOTION THAT THE BOARD ENDORSE THE ABOVE PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND HAVE THE PETITION AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE FOR OUR PATRONS TO SIGN.**

**Scott Clark/Freya Kristensen CARRIED**

**Abstained: Levi Higgs**

1. **Old Business**

City/VSB/Society Amendment Update

* Hiring was extraordinarily quick – 30 day window
* With Susy & Mawi’s support there have been no impact to Community
* Will look toward improving service and safety levels over time
* MEC Tech on loan from Trout Lake – Chico Noel until a qualified permanent staff is in place
* Hiring panel – Jeremy for Society, Peter for Britannia Recreation team with REFM + COV

Renewal

* Hosted a number of events - Speakers’ Series, Program verification sessions
* Next – Arts & Culture and Seniors Focus Group sessions
* Planning & Development Committee created two working groups: Lease Group and Housing Group (looking to establish conditions under which Britannia may support housing on site)
* Cynthia to send more information of next meeting

All Candidates Debrief

* Very positive feedback
* World café format was great, 200+ people attended and the candidates had great engagement with the community
* The community meal brought neighbours together
* Thanks to Craig Ollenberger for MC’g
* Would also like to see the candidates speak/dialogue together as well
* Many partners worked collaboratively to support the event (Britannia, GWAC, ALIVE, REACH, GWFC)

AGM

* Will try more of a café style and serve the meal right after members check in
* Meeting to start at 6
* Presentations: Renewal and Seniors
* Reviewed agenda and process
* If any board members have questions regarding Executive positions, please contact Freya, Cynthia or Gwen
* All board position descriptions are on website
* Orientation for new board members on Wednesday June 7 at 6:00 – ALL board members welcome

Place Based Collective Impacts – p.8-23

* Introduction of Erin Grant
* Britannia currently does have a place based approach and will continue to improve
* What has been lost – focus on vulnerable community members how have incredible ideas, vision and contributions to offer but have been missed

**MOTION:**

 **THAT THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE DEFINITION OF PLACE BASED COLLECTIVE IMPACTS AT BRITANNIA: *To work directly with vulnerable residents, community members and community groups to create positive action in our neighbourhoods. To set measurable and accountable goals collectively as a community, and to report on our achievements to the community.***

**AND THAT THE BOARD APPROVE $30,000 TO IMPLEMENT THE PLACE BASED COLLECTIVE IMPACTS PLAN AND ASSIGN STAFF 15HRS/WEEK FOR 44 WEEKS ($30,000).**

**Brendan Boylan/Freya Kristensen CARRIED**

Britannia Investment Policy & Britannia Foundation

Guests: Linda Morgan & Eugene Lee from the Vancouver Foundation

* Britannia Society Endowment Fund – 1995 $10,000 Capital gift, now up to $50,000 capital with a market value of $55,000. $38,000 has been contributed back to Britannia since 1999 on average $1,500-$2,000 per year
* Vancouver Foundation Granting program - $421,000 granted to Britannia -1999 to present
* Presentation handed out at meeting
* Reviewed ESG – Environmental, Social and Governance investing
* Please see attached presentation notes

**MOTION THAT THE BOARD MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST THAT THE BRITANNIA FOUNDATION MOVE THE BRITANNIA FOUNDATION INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO FROM HSBC TO ETHICAL FUNDS AT VANCITY.**

**Brendan Boylan/Scott Clark CARRIED**

1. **Partners Reports**

**VPB -** Verbal report provided by **Stuart MacKinnon** (hand out included at meeting)

**Peter** – p.25-28

**VPL** – p.29-30

**VSB** – No report, no representation at meeting

1. **Administration Reports**

Executive Director – p.31

* Carving Pavilion naming process – working with VSB and Shane Point
* Naming ceremony will be held on Monday June 12th starting at 10:00 – details to follow

Manager of Administration – p.32-33

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 2017 AS PRESENTED.**

**John Flipse/Scott Clark**

**7 meeting approved motion, 2 additional Board members (Ye Chu and Susanne Dahlin) through email**

Manager of Child Care – p.34

* Everything going along well
* Lots of interviewing and hiring
* Thanks to Victoria for admin support
1. **Board Check In**

**8. Committee Reports**

**DEFER MOTION TO RECEIVE REPORTS**

**Notes:**

From Cynthia – Thank you to board members for the commitment to the Board this past year. Acknowledge returning and non-returning members

From Gwen – Thank you to Cynthia, Jeremy, Peter, Rachel, Victoria and all staff for their support to the board for the past year.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:55PM**

**Craig Ollenberger/Scott Clark CARRIED**

**Executive Committee In-Camera**