

Britannia Board Meeting**October 14, 2015****Board Room – Information Centre**

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Chairperson; Susanne Dahlin, John Flipse, Ye Chu, Ingrid Kolsteren, Brendan Boylan, Tyrus Tracey, Aaron Geisbrecht, Alex McKechnie, Geoff Taylor, Beth Davies

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jenny Jung, Craig Smith, Jeremy Sheir, Victoria Haenel (recording),

GUEST: Christopher JK Richardson, VSB Trustee

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President at 6:11pm

1. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.
Brendan Boylan/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

2. Minutes of September 9, 2015

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9th MEETING.
Brendan Boylan/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

3. New Business

Thanks to Cynthia and staff for the meal in the Carving Pavilion, very nice way to start the meeting.

- a) **Carving Pavilion Programming Principles** – a meeting was held with aboriginal services providers from VSB, Vancouver Native Health and VPL to discuss the best use of the pavilion. A draft proposal will be coming to the Board in the near future for an “Elder in Residence”. The purpose is to help ensure all projects are collaborative with the elder role to offer support and ensure we are adhering to culturally appropriate activities in the pavilion.
- b) **2015 Christmas Party** – 2014 party was a great success but planning began a little late in the season last year. We will be following the same format hosting it at the Italian Cultural Centre with a live Swing Band and a rock and roll band. Attendance goal of 200 people. Drink prices to be increased to \$3 from \$2/drink.

MOTION: REQUESTING APPROVAL TO RELEASE \$3,500.00 FOR THE EVENT.

Brendan/Susanne

CARRIED

- c) **2015 Budget** – Projected surplus of \$120,000+. The Board Development Committee will discuss how to best utilize the surplus.

4. Old Business

- a) **Reconciliation in Action** – It was a very successful event with many families new to Britannia participating as well as full Elementary School participation and good Secondary School participation. Recommendation for Britannia to host the event again. CBC gave \$3 million to At Risk Youth. For our event, we need to identify gaps at Britannia, education board and staff on place based collective impacts, find families that didn't attend and determine why they didn't attend and how we can support their participation. Most people heard about the event through word of mouth. Future events need better advertising, need funding earlier in the event planning and the planning process should start in June prior to school summer vacations.

Senior's Lunch – for some people, this was the first time they were in the AML and now feel that the doors are open to them and more welcome.

Videographer – we have a full day of raw data and will look into the time & resources to create a 3-5minute video.

Compliments to VPL staff on their outreach to the Aboriginal community.

- b) **2016 Budget Version 1**

Changes in the 2016 budget from 2015 include better actuals from new programs like Axe Capoeira. There is a request to include line items for special events like Reconciliation in Action. Questions from Board: p.9 5201 Axe Capoeira \$25,000 difference from 2015 budget.

- c) **1739 Venables** – The financial picture looks much better than last year and there is a small deficit projected. Staff provided a cost benefits analysis a summary report was requested by the Board.

Guest: Introduction of guest speaker Christopher JK Richardson, VSB Trustee

5. Partners Reports

- a) Vancouver Park Board – ActiveNet training is ongoing, a lot of learning is still happening. Winter 2016 registration is tentatively set for December 8th/15. Friday, Oct 16 2:30-6:00pm there will be a Pop-Up City Hall and Animal Services booth in front of Britannia Information Centre – the community can receive all services that they would normally need to go to City Hall.

Gymnastics Head Coach, Cameron Stevenson will be leaving Britannia to pursue career goals in Australia. Staff are working with current team to develop and grow program/coaching needs for January onwards.

Invites to Halloween Event: Halloween Howl, Gym D, Oct 31 12-2pm FREE

Halloween Spooky Swim, Oct 31 2-4:30pm FREE

- b) Vancouver Public Library – We had a very successful summer reading club. Sharon Shorty who is the Aboriginal Storyteller-in-Residence, really helped facilitate connections within the community.

Britannia Library Hours Update – Open Mon/Thu/Fri/Sat 9am-6pm
Open Tues/Wed 9am-9pm

VPL is fully using the multi-purpose room, previously occupied by Vancouver Community College.

- c) Vancouver School Board – Fall sports are underway, some planning for winter sports as well. Gr 8-11 Venture just back from trip and Gr 9-12 prepping to go. Student Council is an exciting group, more g8 candidates than ever. Halloween dance to be held on Wednesday Oct 29th.

Hammer's Heroes – Tim had a most excellent experience.

PAC – is active with some growth in attendance.

New Student Information System – some delays, teachers are being trained on new system.

New curriculum to be discussed with staff at next meeting, including how to role-out changes.

New Start time is successful so far, teachers are reporting that students are making use of the tutorial time in the mornings. Gr 8 & Gr12 attendance is looking good.

Note: Venture is NOT a "pre-IB" program but an enrichment program.

- d) **Community Education** – Jennifer Scott has been 6 weeks on the job and enjoying it. Currently filling the staff compliment with a Youth & Family worker whose priority will focus on attendance. Fall programs are underway, soccer, skateboarding, swimming lessons. One Friday afternoon program is being led by a secondary school student.

September 29 – RIA, 2 art tables run by students who really enjoyed the event.

October 3rd – CAPC Family Conference

Prep ongoing for Craft Fair held Nov 13-15 which will showcase programs run onsite such as gymnastics and music.

October 23rd - Invitation to Board to attend Trauma Information Pro-D Day

6. Guest Christopher JK Richardson, VSB Trustee

- Student trustee joined the school trustees, great opportunity to hear from students directly.
- VSB has received the Board's letter regarding their concerns with the installation of the fences, Christopher came out to site to see it himself, chatted with neighbours, impact with school seems positive but it didn't go up unnoticed. He has heard: concerns have been put forward around the aesthetics of having a high chain-linked fence. Board recognizes that safety issues needed to be addressed but there was no consultation with the society or community.
- There are serious concerns about the safety risks the fences now pose as they have become a popular climbing apparatus for children and there is high risk of serious injury due to falls from heights to concrete ground.
- The Board hopes to give a presentation with suggestions on what approach and/or procedure should be in place for future projects.
- Christopher is open to have a dialogue about the unintended consequences, his understanding was that if the VSB didn't take immediate action, then WorkSafe BC would step in and no consultation or control would be considered. He feels it is the VSB's responsibility to take any correction action with the consultation of the Board and community.

7. Committee Reports

- a) **Executive Committee** – As per minutes and statements p. 35. 2 recommendations will be discussed at the in-camera meeting meeting tonight.
- b) **Finance Committee** – As per minutes and statements p.36-38
- c) **Board Development Committee** – Aaron Giesbrecht was recruited to the committee. There will be a change in the Society Act coming in April 2016 with a 2 year implementation. The Committee will review the impacts to Britannia and prepare for the transition. There are 2 vacant positions on the board, 2 students who were on the board are now attending University, one outside the province and the other with a high work load. According to the constitution the board can appoint members onto the Board. The Committee recommends that the 2 unsuccessful candidates who ran for the Board in May 2015 be approached.

MOTION: TO INVITE JEAN PAUL BERAN AND JUAN CARLOS MALDONADO TO THE NOVEMBER 4TH BOARD MEETING WITH THE INTENTION OF APPOINTING THEM ONTO THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE BALANCE OF TERM AS PER ARTICLE 3, SECTION 4 BYLAWS OF THE BCSCS.

John Flipse/Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

Meeting cost reimbursements policy – The Executive Director will bring the policy forward to Finance Committee in regards to reimbursement for any out of pocket expenses incurred by board and committee members to attend meetings.

Annual Board Retreat will likely be held the 3rd week of February and focus Britannia Renewal, review of new Society Act and to develop a 3-5yrs strategic plan for the Board of Management. This will be a full day meeting.

- d) **Arts and Culture Committee** - committee is working on funding principles and guidelines.
- e) **Planning & Development Committee** – Ongoing work on developing a website specifically for the Britannia Renewal There were 2 very strong candidates who made presentations to the committee. The committee was very excited by both presentations and have selected service provider that lives in the community. The Committee has developed a consultation proposal to frame the consultation process in a way that builds on what has already been done and brings people into the process. They are currently drawing up terms of reference and guidelines to ask the COV for funding. The committee also met with COV last week regarding ground work for renewal in regards to who, how and where people come from to use Britannia; how to get statistics for unregistered users of Britannia site i.e. Stone Soup, RIA.

Next meeting is Oct 20th.

- f) **Child Care Committee** – n/a

- g) **Library Management Committee** – n/a
- h) **Program Committee** – The Committee met with the Planning and Development Committee to express the need to work collaboratively, both committees are on the same page and will continue to cross-reference their efforts.
Current programming needs – lots of good seniors and children's programs, gym use is limited to outside school hours.
- Staff would like to present proposals for increase in budgets or adding a line item for annual special events such as RIA, Open House, Canada Day.
- The Committee put forward a request for the Board to review a policy that sets guidelines for allocation of surpluses.
- i) **Youth Committee** – the Committee have convened three times with 9-10 active members. They organized events - the Youth Extravaganza which saw 150+ youth participate from local schools, assisting with the Halloween Howl event on Oct 31st and hosting a Youth Movie Night on Oct 30th.

8. Administration Reports

- a) **Executive Director** – As per report on p. 39. Britannia Senior Staff will put forward a proposal for a consultation process for projects such as the fence installation.

Britannia hosted a very successful Youth Matters Round Table meeting attended by over 80 people including representatives from Ministry of Children and Family, Children's and Women's Hospital, Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Park Board, City of Vancouver, Vancouver Native Health, Vancouver Aboriginal Children and Family Services Society and other organizations to address the gaps and systemic challenges in support children in crisis. This was chaired by Mary Ellen Tupel-LaFond, Doug Kelly and other Aboriginal leaders.

- b) **Manager of Administrative Services** – As per report p. 40-66.

Anticipated surplus of \$167,000 with for 2015 with Fall expenses still be incurred but the surplus will likely continue to increase.

- c) **Manager of Child Services** – As per report p. 67-68

Budgets are almost done, there are some outstanding account code questions, the goal will be to work on templates and consistency for future reporting. BC Gaming grant applications are due. Some licensing changes are coming. HR continues to be a large part of activities. Lorraine Evans has accepted the position as Senior Supervisor, she vacates a position that will be filled in the next 6 months.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN 9:14 P.M FOR AN IN CAMERA SESSION

Brendan Boylan/Susanne Dahlin

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