

There are two ways to run for election to the Britannia Board of Management:

1. Declare Yourself a Candidate in Advance

Make sure that your Membership is current before May 14th, 2014. Contact Britannia Community Services Centre at 604-718-5800 or email cynthia.low@vancouver.ca. Write a brief biography that will be made available in print to people attending the AGM. Prepare a short speech (two-minute limit) to deliver at the AGM. And then show up at the AGM on May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Gym "D".

2. Declare Yourself a Candidate at the AGM

Make sure that your Britannia Membership is current by 9:00 p.m. on May 14th, 2014. And then show up at the AGM on May 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Gym "D" and be nominated from the floor.

Child Care Programs and activities will be provided for children during the Annual General Meeting from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please contact Randi Gurholt-Seary at 604-718-5843 to reserve a space for your child. To make use of childcare, parents must attend the Annual General Meeting.

Please Join Us on Canada Day

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 12:30-3:00 pm at Victoria Park -- Entertainment, games, hot dogs, cake and more!

Noticia del
Servicio Centro Comunitario
de Britannia
Reunión General del Año 2014

Miércoles, 28 de mayo
A las 6:00p.m. en el Gimnasio D

El día 28th de mayo del 2014 a las 6:00pm todos los miembros de la Sociedad tienen el derecho a votar en la elección o puede presentarse como un candidato en las elecciones de la sociedad (mirar información seguida).

Para votar o presentarse como candidato debe afiliarse a la sociedad antes del 14 de mayo a las 9:00 pm.

Programa y actividades para niños, estará disponible durante la reunión general anual de las 6:00-8:00pm. Para reservar espacio para su hijo/ja por favor llame al 604-718-5843 o mande un correo. Para poder usar la guardería de niños los padres deben de asistir a la reunión general anual.

**Britannia Community
Services Centre Society
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2014
6:00pm in Gym D
1661 Napier Street
Vancouver, B.C. V5L 4X4
604-718-5800
britanniacentre.org**

The logo for Britannia features the word "Britannia" in a blue, serif font. Above the letters "i" and "a" is a blue wavy line that resembles a stylized wave or a bridge.

Notice of Britannia Community Services Centre Society

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You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Britannia Community Services Centre Society. All those who are members of the Society as of 9:00 p.m. on May 14th, 2014, are eligible to vote in the election for our Board of Management and to stand for election to our Board (see below for further information). The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and includes:

- Executive and Committee Reports!
- Board Elections!
- A light supper!
- Entertainment!
- Election results

If you live in East Vancouver, you are probably aware of Britannia. Since it opened in 1976 "Brit" has been providing a place for people to meet, learn, get active, and participate in community life. Britannia is the heart of the Grandview, Woodland & Strathcona communities.

Britannia is directly accountable to the Grandview-Woodland and Strathcona community. Its Board of Management is made up of fourteen elected members of the community, three members from Britannia's partners (the Vancouver Park Board, the Vancouver School Board and the Vancouver Public Library Board), and one elected staff representative (a Britannia employee).

While Britannia's expert staff does most of the day-to-day work of running the Centre, the board does make important decisions about Britannia's goals, strategic direction and budget. We manage the Britannia site on behalf of the Vancouver School Board and the City of Vancouver.

Every year at the AGM approximately half the Britannia Board positions come up for election. This year, nine members are to be elected.

If you are thinking about running for the Board of Management, here are some things to consider:

- It takes at least eight hours per month.
- Board Members are required to attend one Board Meeting per month, and to participate on at least one additional committee.
- Before each Board Meeting you will need to do between one and two hours of reading and preparation.
- Board Meetings follow an agenda, which Members receive, along with information about the topics of discussion, a few days before the meeting.

At a typical meeting you will likely:

- Listen to reports from staff and committees (and perhaps present a report for a committee you attend)
- Discuss issues raised and about how Britannia operates
- Make decisions about Britannia policy or finances
- Participate in serious discussions about how Britannia can best meet the needs of the community
- Enjoy a few laughs and great company

Board Members often say that the greatest benefit they receive is seeing the positive impact of their work. The Board can set important projects in motion (like approving funding for a program to improve access for newcomers, or animating a major project that benefits many people in the community). You will work alongside officers who care about the community and will enjoy interesting discussions about how to best meet the needs of neighbours.

By getting to know the inner workings of Britannia, you will see the Grandview-Woodland/Strathcona community in a new light. Being a Board Member is a serious responsibility, so it's important to come to meetings prepared. If you cannot make it to a meeting, you will need to notify people in advance. Board members have a chance to share and socialize over dinner, which is served before the Board Meetings.

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On the Board, there are five Executive positions, all of which require a greater time commitment. After you have been on the Board for a year, you will probably know whether or not you want to hold one of these positions:

- President — leads Board Meetings, chairs the Executive Meetings and is the contact person for the Executive Director
- Vice President — leads meetings when the President is not available and leads the Board Development Committee
- Treasurer-oversees the finances of the organization and leads the Finance Committee
- Two Executive Members-at-Large

To serve on the Board, you will have to be elected on May 28th at Britannia's Annual General Meeting. In order to vote or run in the election, you need to be a member of the society, and you will need to have joined by 9:00 p.m. on May 14th, which is 14 days before the AGM. Yearly membership is \$3 for an adult, \$5 for a family, or \$1 for a youth/senior.

If you are interested in considering running for the Board, pick up a Prospective Board Member Information Package at the Info Centre reception desk. If you would like to see the Board in action before making a decision to run, we invite you to attend a Board Meeting.

Most candidates submit a brief biography describing who they are, and noting their community interests and their relevant experience. Finally, at the Annual General meeting, each candidate has an opportunity to deliver a two-minute campaign speech.