

Meeting – May 23, 2018

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
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 6:26 pm.

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

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.

2. Guest Speaker – Michael Clague

Michael shared a brief history of how Britannia came to be, and how the current renewal designs reflect the original Britannia idea.

Community are highly engaged, and even the students are still involved.

The roots we turn to are community power, local accountability, and how people work together in decentralized services.

3. 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 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Pamela Dudas

Carried

4. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017.

Penny Street/ Levi Higgs

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5. President's Report

Gwen Giesbrecht referenced her report on page 3 of the Annual Report. Interesting and busy year and Michael's comments reflect the commitment and energy gone into renewal process this past year. Everyone can review the board's response to the Master Plan available tonight.

6. Executive Director's Report

Cynthia Low mentioned her report on page 4. The community centre is still providing all of our services during the renewal consultation process. Cynthia expressed appreciation to staff who keep the facilities and programs going every day.

Discussions during the renewal lead not just to the future but contribute to improvements and innovative ideas for programming today.

Gwen gave thanks to Cynthia for all of her time, energy, focus & determination during this process.

John Flipse was acknowledged with thanks for his leadership on the Finance committee and his time as Treasurer..

7. Treasurer's Report

Jeremy Shier spoke to the Treasurers report on page 9 as John was unable to attend the meeting. On John's behalf, Jeremy gave thanks to the Board for nominating him for the role of Treasurer.

Jeremy summarized that the total revenue increased by 2.5% compared to 2016, to \$7,717,923. With a net surplus of \$32,277 Britannia continues to support those in the community while maintaining adequate reserves for long term planning and sustainability.

Surplus is allocated to discretionary reserve.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT AUDITED STAEMENTS AS PRESENTED.

Gwen Giesbrecht/ Craig Ollenberger

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MOTION: TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

Eva Sharell/ Ingrid Kolsteren

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8. Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Gwen expressed gratitude to Susanne Dahlin who has provided great leadership to the Planning & Development committee for many years and introduced Annie Danilko and Pamela Dudas to provide an update for the committee.

The Planning & Development committee make recommendations to the Board based on many public meetings, community outreach, and meetings with committees.

Thanks to Lindsay Grant who keeps the committee organized and on track.

Meeting minutes and all the updated documents, upcoming events and more can be found on the britanniarenewal.org web site.

Renewal is complex but offers opportunity to improve everything for Britannia and improve our services and facilities. Many people in the community have been engaged in the process from Indigenous elders, new comers, young families and youth.

Phasing of the renewal work can delay and impact those most vulnerable in the area and we want to mitigate those consequences as much as possible.

City council to decide on the Master Plan on July 10th. The Planning & Development committee will continue to engage the community during the next stages of the process.

9. Appreciation

Gwen introduced Freya Kristensen and Annie Danilko, members of the Board Development committee, adding the importance of the work they do to help the board run efficiently.

Freya mentioned the Britannia Board liaisons and importance of partnerships with stakeholders. Thanks to Stuart Mackinnon from the Vancouver Parks Board, Andrew Schofield as the Principal of Britannia Secondary School, and Megan Langley from the Vancouver Public Library.

To acknowledge the commitment of the Board members whose term is ending there was a presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for:

**Scott Clark, John Flipse, Gwen Giesbrecht, Levi Higgs, Ingrid Kolsteren,
Juan Carlos Maldonado, Craig Ollenberger and Naina Varshney**

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10. Election Process

Jeremy spoke to the Extraordinary Resolution to be voted upon, which will make the 2 year term of Board members official for the future, and not just common practice. This change to the By-Law is pursuant to the Society Act and the Society By-Laws Article 16 section 1.

Freya & Annie opened the nomination and election process.

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 2018-2019 BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Craig Ollenberger/ Eva Sharell

CARRIED

ELECTED:

Scott Clark, Ingrid Koslteren, John Flipse, Gwen Giesbrecht, Levi Higgs, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Craig Ollenberger, Naina Varshney

Freya & Annie thanked everyone for standing for election and congratulated them.

The vote results for the Extraordinary Resolution were shared, and the resolution was passed. 29 votes=27 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7:44 pm

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Naina Varshney

CARRIED