

Minutes – Annual General



Meeting – May 22, 2019

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Gym D - 6:00pm**

1. Call to Order

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Scott Clark, President of the Board of Management at 6:06pm.

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

Scott introduced Elder Vera Jones who shared opening prayer and remarks to begin the meeting.

Scott 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 Johnny Perry.

Q Community Choir performed a few songs.

2. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Naina Vashney/Craig Ollenberger

Carried

3. Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018.

Vera Jones/Andrew Phillips

Carried

4. Appreciations

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

Regrets from Jenny Kwan who had to attend a student event at Templeton. Thank you to Park Board Commissioner Gwen Giesbrecht for attending.

Scott invited Ingrid Kolsteren to express gratitude to Gwen Giesbrecht for over 10 years of service at Britannia on the Board of Management.

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To acknowledge the commitment of the Board members whose term is ending Ingrid presented of Certificates of Appreciation for:

Susanne Dahlin, Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, Vera Jones, Freya Kristensen, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Andrew Phillips, Jane Stanier and Li Mei Yip

5. President's Report

Scott Clark referenced his report on page 3 of the Annual Report. Importance of all the Board members who work with committees to ensure we provide programs and services that meet the needs of our neighbourhood.

Vancouver is working on its first City plan since the 1920's. This is an opportunity to showcase the good work at Britannia, and how our staff and volunteers make this place inclusive.

Susanne Dahlin and Planning & Development committee are doing great work keeping Britannia Renewal on the agenda of the City.

The Our Place team continues collaborating with community centres, neighbourhood houses and other organizations and now launching a new initiative Youth Voices for Reconciliation (YVR) Important work for over 10 years to create a place based governance model and now want to explore with community on how to engage them.

6. Treasurer's Report

John Flipse spoke to the Treasurers report on page 9. A lot of good things are happening with our budget of over \$7 million, and we completed 2018 with a \$15,726 surplus.

After implementing the new Annual Surplus Policy we transferred \$152,484 to the Britannia Foundation. 3.5% interest earned off Foundation money is reinvested in Britannia. The Foundation Board administers those finances.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT AUDITED STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED.

Susanne Dahlin/Pamela Dudas

Carried

MOTION: TO RETAIN KPMG AS AUDITOR FOR NEXT YEAR 2019

Penny Street/Pamela Dudas

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7. Executive Director's Report

Cynthia Low mentioned her report on page 4.

Incredible staff have been great at responding quickly to requests to help with community initiatives like Hip Hop Drop and Mother's Day Pow Wow. We have a wide variety of staff for a wide variety of programs and services and the staff are what make this place work so well.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

Naina Vashney/Vera Jones

Carried

8. Election Process

Cynthia explained the amendments to the Society's Bylaws that have been moved as one Motion as an Extraordinary Resolution and that the Motion will be discussed and voted upon by the members of the Society present at the AGM.

Provided an overview of the back of the ballot with the By-Law changes in the Extraordinary Resolution to be voted upon, which include:

- in addition to the 14 voting Directors, 2 youth voting Directors at least 16 years old for one year term
- how to remove a board member from office
- addition of the Reconciliation in Action committee as a standing committee of the Board
- to include a mechanism to be accountable to membership on Reconciliation
- remove development fund as it doesn't exist anymore
- change to the By-Laws is pursuant to the Society Act and the Society By-Laws Article 16 section 1.

Cynthia turned it back over to Ingrid for the Introduction of candidates:

Susanne Dahlin

Pameal Dudas

Farren Gillaspie

Amelia Gubana

Vera Jones

Freya Kristensen

John Morra

Andrew Phillips

Vanessa Walterson

Li Mei Yip

Emily Vickers

No nominations from the floor.

Jane Stanier – acclaimed as staff rep

9. Candidate Addresses

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Each candidate was given two minutes to introduce themselves and say a few words. The floor was opened for questions.

10. Voting

Volunteers counted the Ballots to determine results of Extraordinary Resolution and the 8 candidates elected.

11. Committee Reports

a) Draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan

Annie Danilko shared an overview of the process for the Strategic Plan. Work is ongoing into Sept for Board to vote on in October.

After developing a plan and budget for the process, conducting an environmental scan, and drafting a strategic plan through meetings with the Board and stakeholders, we are now seeking community input to move forward with.

Our dream is enhanced quality of life for everyone that lives on the Coast Salish Territories, and to include *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam), *sḵw̓xwú7mesh* (Squamish) and *selíiwitlh* (Tsleil-Waututh).

We commit to empowering the community, decolonizing practices and processes and strengthening partnerships.

The environmental scan shows that 6.7% of Vancouver population lives in Grandview Woodlands and it's an aging population. Also that the largest population of Indigenous people live here, and the youngest demographic of the neighbourhood is indigenous.

Britannia strengths include our staff and around 300 volunteers that are knowledgeable, passionate and engaged in the community. There are low barriers to accessing programs and services to maximize inclusion. This is a well integrated site with something for all ages.

Weaknesses include the slow hiring process and how it can take time to get things done due to lots of stakeholders involved in decisions. The low barrier environment can be emotionally taxing for staff at times.

Opportunities are that we have partnerships building a governance model to support renewal, and work being done with area centres and organizations through Our Place. Finding ways to use food security, arts & culture, and recreation programs to work on decolonization.

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Threats we face are silos and centralized decision making from redevelopment. Diversity moving out of the neighbourhood as it becomes more unaffordable. Potential risk of school closure.

Questions for membership were up on the wall for community to offer input

b) Britannia Renewal Master Plan

Susanne Dahlin provided a review of the Planning and Development Committee which is a large committee that is incredibly active. The issues often bring disagreements but have proven able to work through them.

The committee has staff help from Lindsay Grant who is amazingly organized. Another person to acknowledge is Jim LeMaistre for all the work he has done with us.

The Britannia Master Plan has been passed by the City of Vancouver and the Parks Board. With broad guidelines of community plan in place but did raise issues that need to be addressed before moving forward.

A Response document is available on web or in print which summarizes all these issues of concern need to be sorted out before more technical 2nd phase of the plan process.

One of the top issues is the Social Hub on site. We support the idea in theory and offer supportive incubation periods for community start ups. Questions about the amount of space used, and that groups who will be part of it should be partners with us.

At the June 18th PDC meeting COV reps will attend to discuss these issues. When the VSB put school closure on the table earlier, it slowed down getting to the next phase of development.

Another top issue is the Non-Market Housing proposed for the site. Need more answers on what it will look like, and who will manage. It's a challenge to give up community space to make room for housing but people being pushed out of our neighbourhood. Will need to meet with the City to ask these questions and address them before rezoning.

PDC meets 3rd Tues of each month from 6:30-8pm in Brit Conference room. Welcome to attend.

c) Scott shared information on:

- International award for Reconciliation in Renewal Process

- June 13 from 1:30-4pm a governance gathering for leaders of community centres, neighbourhood houses and community groups on how to build a better model of governance
What are the gaps in our neighbourhood we can work together to fill?

- June 14, 11am-3pm – Youth Matters meeting, every three months to work on various youth issues

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3-6pm - Reconciliation in Action event at Strathcona

- UBC doing research on neighbourhoods and Grandview Woodlands one in long struggling communities that is showing results

12. Announcement of Election Results

The Motion for the Extraordinary Resolution was passed.

ELECTED: Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Vera Jones, Freya Kristensen, John Morra, Andrew Phillips, Li Mei Yip, Emily Vickers

Scott thanked everyone for standing for election and congratulated them.

MOTION TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS

Annie Danilko/ Melanie Bergland

CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 8:25 pm

Vera Jones/ Annie Danilko

CARRIED