

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020  
Gym D & Online - 6:00pm**

## 1. Land Acknowledgement

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Annie Danilko in Gym D at 6:11pm.

Welcome and acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.

Britannia is a centre of Reconciliation and we gather in spirit of one heart, one mind to care for our community. Didn't shut down during Covid closures and have continued to do great work for community. With thanks to amazing staff and volunteers we have been providing child care for frontliners, outreach to seniors, food deliveries to those in need, and support for youth & families.

Introduce Ingrid online

## 2. Acting President Welcome

Thanks for patience during tech glitches.

Everyone joining us in person in gym d was given paper copy of agenda, minutes from 2019, Annual report, candidate bios and a ballot.

For those online you'll see the blue buttons up top where you can access the documents and when the election begins you will be able to cast your vote by clicking the voting button.

There will be several Q&A opportunities throughout the AGM where our remote viewers can post their questions in the chat. Annie will help us field questions from our in-person attendees in Gym D.

### **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**Naina Varshney/Emily Vickery**

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019.**

**Pamela Dudas/Tom**

**CARRIED**

Covid has really highlighted the stresses, such as homelessness, lack of green space, and also the strengths of our community, such as big hearts and activism.

The Board has lots of meetings as there was much to do at Britannia.

Strategic plan passed in February and now reviewing to see what may need revision. Susanne will be providing an update on Renewal process.

Reconciliation continues to be a focus for us. Have developed an Anti-Racism committee to chip away at the systems we're facing.

SEA committee were early adapters to the Zoom meetings

Coffee house went online in June and September which went well and featured great local music and poetry

Volunteers and staff have been fantastic. Contacted over 1500 people to connect them to outreach support and access to food. The emergency food depot is dealing with over 800lbs of food per day, with volunteers putting in over 5000 hours of work.

Happy to see many staff coming back again as we ease into opening facilities and programs.

Thank you to everyone for helping Britannia be better and able to do so much. Inspired by people in this community and privileged to be a part of it all.

### 3. Treasures Report

John has been treasurer for 9 years. Helping to manage a \$8.5 million budget for a large organization that spends most of the money on our community.

Able to do work for our community in difficult times like Covid.

Thanks to Jeremy for maintaining finances and also thanks to the staff who have worked through this time.

No questions regarding the finance report. Please contact Jeremy or Cynthia if you want to see our audited financial report.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT AUDITED STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED.**

**John Flipse/Pamela Dudas**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: TO RETAIN KPMG AS AUDITOR FOR NEXT YEAR 2019**

**Pamela Dudas/ Gail Cryer**

**CARRIED**

### 4. Executive Director Report

Thanks to the Board who have given lots of time over the months we've been dealing with Covid. Extra meetings, including over the summer which is normally a break.

Thanks to staff and volunteers who were able to keep Britannia open while most other centres and services had to stop at least a while. We were only closed completely for 2 days before we were contacting seniors and vulnerable people in our community, and were able to start getting food organized for those in need.

## 5. Q&A

No questions.

## 6. Planning & Development Committee Report

Susanne presented a slideshow that has been developed to give background and history of the process. She has been chair for about 5 years but the process of renewal has been going on a lot longer than that. Teka Everstz put the powerpoint together for an easy way to share a summary so far.

Reconciliation is built into our mandate now.

Everything that happens in this community happens because of this community

On the ground on the backs of people fighting for it

Students at schools lobbied people in the neighbourhood to have a centre built for the community

Michael Clague, the original ED, still connected and working in neighbourhood at Carnegie

This place was designed for/engaged with the settlers

Now to work on renewal with the indigenous people of this area

Outline of timeline from 1997 when flaws of design began being pointed out, identified lack of space for arts & culture

2007 new plan developed, and 2009 creative idea to engage SCARP to have students help design what could look like

2011 city gave money for additional consultation

We are a unique partnership and need to engage all the partners to strategically plan the whole site

Then worked with capital plan staff

2017 – consultation stage, met with over 3000 citizens, had the BLAB, speaker series, etc

2018 City approves renewal plan

2019 RFP for org to help work through rezoning phase

-council decision - \$10 million - \$5 million – community amenity contributions

Bcss master plan response

At end of plan needed more time to review more deeply

Support with reservations

Concerns re: organization of site, phasing of what & when, non-profit hub, non-market housing

As we move to rezoning need to address all of these

Phase one

Engagement approach – 3 integrated and parallel – mainstream/community/indigenous

Some engagement was lacking but Brit stepped up on Indigenous engagement and now City wants to fund this more

Project plan / deep dive / site design (VSB wants at least 3 options to choose from)/ rezoning application

Phase one includes pool

Look at functional needs for that building

Pool & fitness committee have done lots of work on needs for this

Concerns and consideration raised – need to involve community in review

Ingrid mentioned how this community rose to the occasion especially during covid – always people who step up and look out for each other  
Adapted to find ways to help ie tech access when library is usually where people access  
Operational consideration  
Renewal ongoing – meeting with city and they've agreed we need to move forward  
Successful in getting 2 former planners with COV, one is now prof at UBC, Sean and Scott working closely with us  
Next steps – letter to partnership table, share info, draft statement  
City has approved consultants for next stages  
Thank you

## 7. Q&A

No questions

## 8. Board Development Committee Report

The work of the Board is important, including good financial management, making recommendations on policy and Strategic planning.

Established anti-racism committee and hosted multiple workshops, ie rezoning

Learn from each other and professionals

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED.**

**Craig Ollenberger/John Morra**

**CARRIED**

## 9. Introduction of Election Process

Freya outlined the election process and how it will work. In person have paper ballots, and online click the blue Voting button when election opens.

Candidate bios will be on screen during break. After review of bios Emily will open the vote. Peter is overseeing in person vote in Gym D.

Intro Emily

On behalf of the Society, recognize our partners, Park Board Commissioner Stuart Mackinnon, School Trustee Carmen Cho, Britannia Secondary Principal Alec MacInnes and Vancouver Library Area Manager Megan Langley.

Present certificates of appreciation to board members whose terms are ending.

Break while bios reviewed.

Emily calls election open at 7:05

There are seven 2 year positions available + up to 2 youth positions.

Questions for candidate – Annie, John, Farren, Ingrid, Craig, Naina – are you standing for election?

Nominations from the floor?

Pat Hogan, accepts nomination

Any further nominations? X 3

Nominations closed

Full Board attrition, 7 people running for 7 positions

Emily thanked everyone for standing for election and congratulated them.

Candidates have 1 minute each to address the membership

Annie – welcome Pat! Thank you for stepping up for nomination from the floor

John – Thank you, pass on speech

Farren – welcome Pat, grateful to be on the Board again

Craig – welcome Pat, look forward to continuing work of the board

Naina – grew up in the community, happy to be involved in many ways, anti-racism committee meets next week

Pat – via Peter, honoured to get to work with great people to stuff for community – love this centre and great people

No need to pass to Freya

Congrats to 2021 Board members!

Thank you everyone for hard work this year. Interesting year being on the board. How to make next year better.

**ELECTED: Annie Danilko, John Flipse, Pat Hogan, Farren Gillaspie, Ingrid Kolsteren, Craig Ollenberger, Naina Varshney**

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7:20 pm**

**Naina Varshney/Freya Kristensen**

**CARRIED**