

**Britannia Board Meeting
February 13, 2019**

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Ingrid Kolsteren, Scott Clark, Freya Kristensen, Annie Danilko, John Flipse, Pamela Dudas, Craig Ollenberger, Andrew Phillips, Alex MacInnes, Vera Jones, Naina Varshney, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Andrew Phillips
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jane Stanier (staff rep), Peter Odynsky, Jeremy Shier, Victoria Haenel, Rachel Day, Lindsay Grant
REGRETS: Susanne Dahlin, Megan Langley, Stuart Mackinnon, Carmen Cho
GUESTS: Penny Crawford, Richard Taplin, Cynthia Williams, Walter Ramos

Board meeting called to order at 6:01pm

Introductions and Acknowledgment

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam), sk^wx^wú7mesh (Squamish) and selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh).

1. Approval of Agenda

- Move item 3 (New Staff) to after item 6 (Guests)
- Add SEA committee to 12.h) -
- Funding for SEA Calendar project
- Add Board Development committee to 12.i)
- Add In-Camera for Executive after item 14 (Adjournment)

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA as amended
John Flipse/Vera Jones**

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2019

Levi provided REGRETS to January meeting and should be reflected in the Minutes

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES as amended
Naina Varshney/John Flipse**

CARRIED

3. New Business

Pool & Rink Update (Peter Odynsky)

- Upcoming 4 month rink shut down to replace the mechanical plant
- May 2019-August 2019 but may be delays (i.e. June-September)
- Building a new system within the existing room and can be repurposed or moved to other facilities
- Programming staff are building a continuity plan in anticipation of delayed start date or delayed completion
- Working with Park Board Arenas team to accommodate existing users groups as much as possible

Fund Raising (Cynthia Low)

- Completing grant applications and taking to funder
- Looking a 2019 Priorities and identifying appropriate fundraising opportunities
- Greater part of E.D. role now

Park Board Registration Changes 2019 (Peter Odynsky)

- Brief on page 9 of Board package
- May not be ideal for Britannia i.e. if all programs become available at the same time, the whole city will have access to register and it may impact catchment patrons who may not get equal access; also, our fees tend to be lower which may attract out of catchment patrons and not leave sufficient access for our neighbourhood
- PB is reacting to complaints such as the time of day or day of the week is not convenient for registration
- More research to be done via staff, programming team, committees

4. Old Business**2019 Board Priorities**

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT SUPPORT THE IDEA OF PROVIDING UP TO \$38,000 FROM THE BRITANNIA DISCRETIONARY RESERVE TOWARDS DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING THE 2019 PRIORITIES AS PER NOTE ON JANUARY 23RD BUT WISHES TO REVIEW RFPS AND THE WORK PLAN PRIOR TO APPROVING EXPENDITURES .

Ingrid Kolsteren/Naina Varshney

CARRIED

Against: Levi Higgs/John Flipse

Renewal

- PDC meeting of Jan 2019 + housing working group looking at an out of the box approach to address the housing discussion
- Gather all information and comments to work with a planner/architect to develop a physical model if housing was a consideration. Provide a tangible concept and model for people to see and touch

5. Guest Speakers – Penny Crawford and Richard Taplin

- Deep in the panel process (Arterial Flats)
- Several meetings to discuss each route option
- Contribution to ensure actual facts are available vs City opinion
- Initially difficult to get information so did own research (i.e. feasibility from engineering perspectives, possible impacts on businesses)
- “The Better Way” booklet provides accurate information
- Panelists chosen by computer to ensure fairness
- Many highly motivated and engaged panelist while still some that are not as active
- A commuter route is needed: 50% of traffic comes through Britannia area, 30% & 20% go North and South and 85% heading downtown go via the current viaduct
- Documents seem to attempt to persuade panelist to choose COVs preferred routes

- Information is lacking such as the cost of the project, who is responsible for the cost, funds are on the table from the railway
- Viaducts not earthquake proof, maintenance costs are very high
- Board – will further research & work with partners to provide information to help Board come to a position that represent our neighbourhood
- Public meeting on March 5th at the Friendship Centre

6. New Staff at Britannia

Introducing Walter Ramos – Mechanical Technician II

- Operations & maintenance of Pool & rink
- With the COV in maintenance for 21 years and has experience with every pool & rink, indoor and outdoors
- Britannia is certainly unique

Introducing Cyn Williams – Communications Assistant

- 3.5years in Communications; AMS Bike Coop, Pride Society
- Brit is her neighbourhood, sings in the Britannia Choir
- Very happy to support engagement priorities

Introducing Daniel Cook – Program Assistant and RISE Leader

- 10-15 years' experience in the Indigenous not for profit world, including Hip Hop Drop at Brit
- Loves working at Britannia and elders who are like family
- When RISE started 6 years ago, there were zero Aboriginal Youth workers and now they make up 15% of the COV's Youth Workers
- Working with SEA & the Ashcroft fundraising, SEA collective raised \$8,603.35 and the Board has donated \$6,000 towards rebuilding Ashcroft after the fires
- Has been in communication with the Jody Blain (director of the Ashcroft Band) and the funds will be used to rebuild their baseball fields and some landscape work (benches, bushes)
- Planning a presentation trip to Ashcroft with some elders to present the cheque in person (delayed until the roads are safe to travel on, likely late spring or summer)
- Ashcroft would like to show how the money is being used and a press release has been prepared

7. Correspondence Report – circulated during the break

8. Board Photographs P.10

MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS, HAVE THEIR PHOTOS TAKEN, PROVIDE A BRIEF BIO TO POST ALONG WITH THEIR POSITION WITHIN THE BOARD ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.BRITANNIACENTRE.ORG AS WELL AS ADDED TO ONE SEASONAL BROCHURE PER YEAR IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE, TO BE UPDATED ANNUALLY AS NEEDED AFTER EACH AGM.

Susanne Dahlin/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

9. Partners' Reports

VPB – p.11-13

- Focus has been on Rink & Pool
- Pool has had some electrical maintenance but had very little impact on operations
- Working with Moresports in programming
- Warming Centre open, staffed were trained in late 2018 in anticipation of need
- Pool – new locking mechanisms have been ordered (many of the existing ones beyond repair)
- PB sent 8 families plus some Board members to Bacio Rosso event

VPL – n/a

- RISE and VPL working with students on a genealogy project and working with VSB to make it a credit course for secondary students
- Amendment coming to the Indian Act and Indigenous youth need to be able to trace their heritage

VSB – n/a

- VSB to sign the Our Place pledge
- Logs have been moved into šx^wq^weləwən ct
- House posts to be carved and installed at main VSB office
- Reconciliation Moment (Scott): Coast Salish people do not have totem poles but do have house posts

10. Board Check-in

Vera – Reminder of the Annual Womens' Memorial March DTES February 14th

Annie - Reminder to Board members to attend the meeting with our elected officials

Li Mei – Volunteer Game night being planned, she will send link to Board members

11. Administration Reports

Executive Director – Cynthia Low

- Grant applications
- Coordinating with the VSB for Spring and Summer programming
- Appreciation to Lindsay for preparing the Mother's Day Pow Wow and Pavilion reports

Manager of Administrative Services – Jeremy Shier

Britannia annual audit is coming up in March

Main Budget points:

- 2018 Surplus \$12,790.00 which may be reduced to zero or even be in a deficit once benefit costs etc. are included
- **City Budget**
 - strong pool & rink revenue from commercial rentals and lessons (both swim and skate)

- Lower expenses in maintenance, still have not received the reconciliation from VSB
- Operations have been moved to PB & REFM, therefore costs being reduced
- Staff budget over, PB seconded staff over by \$200,000 and Society staff over by \$100,000
- **Recreation Budget**
 - (\$932) – right on budget
 - Plan to cover any deficit with remaining surplus
 - Estimated revenue loss of \$120,000 expected due to closer with \$60,000 in maintenance savings
- **Child Care Budget**
 - + \$12,000 which is right on budget

Manager of Child Care Services – Rachel Day

- Report on p.41
- Very busy getting information to the ministry for Fee Wage Enhancement payments for staff
- Lots of HR work
- Attended a design workshop – new spaces already built, how spaces are working and how families are using the spaces, plus exploring new spaces available for child care such as empty warehouses, churches...
- Bill 5 Posting Inspection Report – child care centre complaints made need to be posted on website unless the Child Care proactively reports the incident and then an investigation clears the incident.

12. Consent Items

Finance Committee
p.44 4b Senior Fitness Inspiration Calendar

MOTION THAT BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT APPROVE \$4,500 FROM THE BOARD PROJECTS EXPENSE ACCOUNT IN THE DISCRETIONARY BUDGET.

Pamela Dudas/Li Mei Yip

CARRIED

Abstained: Andrew Philips

Against: Levi Higgs

Arts and Culture Committee

- Juried for Artist grants
- Awarded 3 x \$1000 per category; Emerging Artist, Performing Arts & Visual Art

Youth Committee

- Annie has volunteered to represent the Board at the Youth Committee
- Cynthia will ask Tom to connect with Annie

SEA Committee

- Hosted a Valentine's lunch for Aboriginal luncheon at the 55+ Centre
- Learning from that experience that going forward, more appropriate to send out crafted Valentine's cards - a 55+ Centre annual project including Aboriginal designs for 2020 onwards

Board Development Committee

- Current focus is setting up and attending meeting with elected officials
- All Board members invited and encouraged to attend when possible

RIA Committee

- Finalized grant for Youth Governance
- \$320,000 (funds being handled by RayCam)
- How to build on existing governance document, a comprehensive approach and ensure youth leadership at all levels
- Meeting with the VPB regarding their commitment to the 360 degree wrap around services

AJOURNED at 8:38

In-camera – Executive