

**Britannia Board Meeting
February 14, 2018**

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Ingrid Kolsteren, Annie Danilko, Susanne Dahlin, Freya Kristensen, Pamela Dudas, Andrew Phillips, Vera Jones, Craig Ollenberger, Naina Varshney Juan Carlos Maldonado, Stuart MacKinnon, Carrie Bercic
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Peter Odynsky, Rachel Day, Kathy Whittam
REGRETS: Megan Langley, John Flipse, Scott Clark, Andrew Schofield, Levi Higgs
GUEST: Michael Clague, Lindsay Grant

Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:04pm

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
Pamela Dudas /Naina Varshney

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Jan 10, 2018

8 d) change Ashcroft community to Ashcroft Reserve

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED
Pamela Dudas /Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

3. Guest – Michael Clague

- Michael was the first Executive Director at Britannia and was actively involved in the process of Britannia's development from idea to completion
- Overview of decision making process before Britannia had a Board of Management
- Efforts to create a management structure that allowed for community decision making. Governed by community, for community.
- Britannia is a blend of representatives from the area that require coordination, collaboration, and integration
- Bringing people together to find solutions to community challenges
- Success to have First Nations involved now. Reconciliation was not on anyone's radar in the 70's. Important to have them involved.

4. New Business

Britannia Renewal Decision Making – Briefing Note p. 7

- Brainstorming criteria not in the briefing note, they will come back at next meeting
- Trying for consensus
- Board Development Committee is meeting before next workshop on the 21st

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BRITANNIA RENEWAL PARTICIPATORY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AS OUTLINED

Annie Danilko/ Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FACILITY AREAS OF THE BRITANNIA RENEWAL AS OUTLINED

Naina Varshney/ Freya Kristensen

CARRIED

MOTION TO SET THE NEXT MEETING TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION AND DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2018 at 6:00PM

Andrew Phillips/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Community Food Centres Canada – Briefing Note p. 13

- A food hub is identified as an integral element in the renewed Britannia

MOTION TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE \$925 FROM THE BOARD DISCRETIONARY BUDGET TOWARDS THE COST OF SENDING THREE DELEGATES TO THE CFCC 2018 FOOD SUMMIT, PENDING CONFIRMATION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT THESE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

Craig Ollenberger/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

ACTION – Delegates will provide a report and presentation to the Board in June 2018.

5. Old Business

Britannia Renewal

- Approximately 200 people attended the open house event on February 13
- Three options were presented for design concept of renewed campus
- Now soliciting feedback on what people like and don't like about each design concept with an online survey
- Final proposal will be presented in April 2018
- Cynthia and Lindsay will meet with all committees to get feedback on design concepts

ACTION – Everyone make sure that Cynthia and Lindsay are on the agenda for your next committee meeting.

MOTION THAT THE BOARD USE \$1000 FROM BOARD PROJECTS FOR PROMOTION OF THE RENEWAL SURVEY

Craig Ollenberger/ Annie Danilko

CARRIED

6. Partners Reports

VPB – Stuart, p.14-16

- VanSplash Strategy was referred back to staff after many amendments made based on citizen feedback
- Discussion on park tables and chairs that were removed from Grandview Park with no response yet from the Park Board

ACTION – Stuart will follow up on why the tables were removed and look into a response to the letter sent by the Britannia Board in the fall.

VPB – Peter, p.17-18

- Robbin Singh is filling in while Jason is off on paternity leave. He has years of experience with our facilities.

VPL – p. 19-21

VSF – Carrie Bercic

- Chair of a committee that meets the same night Britannia board meets so not able to make many meetings here
- Trying to stay connected to help advocate for Britannia when needed, also liaison with both schools to stay informed
- A new Superintendent has been hired for the district
- Looking forward to a site tour coming up with other trustees

ACTION – Carrie will advise Britannia when Committee II agenda has relevant items for the Board, and will submit monthly reports to be included in the Board package

7. Correspondence Report

File circulated with \$10aDay Child Care Policy Briefing note, and a Thank you letter from VCC.

8. Board Check In – no comments

- AGM is coming up and it's time to consider if Board members at the end of their term are standing for election again. Need to determine how many new Board members we need to recruit.

ACTION - Let the Board Development Committee know if you have any potential candidates in mind.

9. Administrative Reports

a) Executive Director – p.22

- Cynthia expressed appreciation for Tom Higashio and his commitment to the Warming Centre which has been exemplary.
- The calls to open the centre have sometimes been last minute, but Tom and staff keep making it work
- Board will support the staff to make decisions on whether the warming centre should be open if needed

Lindsay spoke about the Resilient City project

- The work is funded in part by funds from the Rockefeller Foundation and their 100 Cities Project to develop resiliency strategies
- 2 year project funded to April 2019
- The Thingery is an example of a deliverable and creating tool-kits to help neighbourhoods self-organize into disaster support hubs
- Communication platform for info sharing between communities
- Local steering committee starting tomorrow with a meeting in the LRC from 6-8pm

- b) Manager of Administration – p.23-24
 - The overall surplus year to date is \$42,583.
 - Portion of Britannia Recreation surplus was from Vertical Influence partnership
 - Britannia Out of School Care and Preschool have combined surplus of \$12,942
- c) Manager of Child Care Services – p.25
 - There have been a few staff changes at Lord Nelson
 - Bargaining for collective agreements with BCGEU
 - The Child Care Boards are doing well with strategic planning, expect drafts by April
 - Throne Speech commitments to child care, need to wait and see what that will mean for our child cares.
 - Out of School Care not mentioned at all in new provincial funding

ACTION – Rachel will share specifics on Provincial Child care budget and what that might mean for Britannia Child Care Hub

Cynthia expressed appreciation to Rachel for all her hard work with four of the Child Care Boards and our Board, keeping them engaged and committed.

10. Committee Reports

- a) Executive – p.26-27
 - Maintenance with the recreation facilities has gone back up after transition time
- b) Finance – p.28-52
- c) Arts & Culture – p.53-56
 - The Britannia Art Gallery curator, Haruko, has a show coming up at the Vancouver Art Gallery in June.
- d) Planning & Development – p.57
 - Next meeting Feb 20
 - Finalizing definitions around Green Spaces
 - Field trip to Hastings Park to see if anything done there could be applicable here
- e) Seniors, Elders and Advocates (SEA) – p.58-59
 - Trying to expedite how to get money raised to Ashcroft Reserve
 - Annie went to Queer book launch with readings from authors who were youth & elders
- f) Volunteer - p.60
 - New partnership with Italian Culture Centre
 - Volunteers pick up food to share
 - Chat, Chop & Chew - New event to socialize with other volunteers, great turnout at first event.
 - Pamela and Yao are getting committee onto using Better Impact database with good results
- g) Youth Matters – p. 61

h) Board Task List – p. 62

MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

ADJOURN AT 9:01pm