MINUTES – BOARD

Britannia Board Meeting
February 9, 2022
Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Vera Jones, Naina Varshney, Susanne Dahlin, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Ingrid Kolsteren, Craig Ollenberger, Khai Truong, Emily Vickery, Noreen Ma
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jacky Hughes, Peter Odynsky, Kathy Whittam (recording)
REGRETS: Ashki Shkur, Jeremy Shier, Carmen Cho, Stuart MacKinnon
GUEST: Sonia Massaro

Annie called meeting to order at 6:06 pm

Welcome and land acknowledgement - Vera

1. Approval of Agenda
   - add update from Khai under New Business

   MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
   Pamela Dudas/ Vera Jones CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Jan 12, 2022

   MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
   Pamela Dudas/ Farren Gillaspie CARRIED

   GUEST: Sonia Massaro
   • Sonia has been active with SEA committee and is a long time member of the community who grew here

   MOTION TO APPOINT SONIA MASSARO TO THE BOARD THROUGH TO THE AGM IN MAY.
   Pamela Dudas/ Ingrid Kolsteren CARRIED
   • Welcome to the Board Sonia!

3. Old Business
   Partnership Update (Cynthia)
   • Still difficult to get together with partners in person
   • Hope to meet with more partners soon
   • Ongoing support with partners on site like CFEC, Community Education
   • MOU’s in progress/complete with Vancouver Native Health Family Support Program, Solidarity Notes choir, Blue Eagles Cadet program, Vancouver Latin American Cultural Centre

   Renewal Update (Susanne)
   • Progress seems to be moving quickly now
• Need drawings and other things done for sharing
• Expediting due to election in October
• Identifying what outstanding concerns are remaining
• VSB has asked for 3 options to review
• Save the Dates: Mar 10 & Mar 28
  2 hour workshops to be held on these dates for site partners to meet with consultants
• Outline our position, have added and made changes
• Updated version of our response was circulated
• Open and transparent on feedback around what we’re thinking
• Committee input on all levels
• Outstanding issues for us are height, numbers of housing and whether the VSB wants to move the shops or not
• Hope to make further changes to the outline
• Positive that we’re looking closely at building 1, will have pool, fitness centre, child care and more
• Work with community on what it will look like
• Phasing changes are challenging and still under discussion

Update to Response (Cynthia)
• Document shared via email
• Final polish and minor spelling edits
• Need Board to approve this version
• Will now form basis of discussion with partners and community

MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED RESPONSE FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ON THE BRITANNIA RENEWAL
Susanne Dahlin/ Emily Vickery Carried

Priorities 2022 (Cynthia)
• At the last meeting the Board approved in principal $192,000
• Good news that we received $185,000 in grants from Canadian Community Resilience Fund
• Activating šxʷqʷelewən ct, Indigenous Cultural practices
• Also $70,000 for Weaving Our Community Together
• Contribute to year 1 of 5 year plan for Reconciliation
• Request to Finance for $400,000 to put into fund for 5 year Reconciliation Plan
• Want to meet commitments to hire team to make real progress
• Finance committee have asked for further info to be given to them at February meeting
• Management meeting to look at staff configuration
• Other piece is to update our web site for a better sharing and dialogue space
• COVID has shown the importance of being able to communicate through various platforms
• Kiel may be taking on more communications work for Renewal
• Staff training around decolonization complicated due to COVID protocols
• Need in person not on zoom
• What we do in community is important
• Need a Board dialogue on fundraising options
• How we appropriately approach fundraising
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Planning Day Follow Up (Cynthia)
- Cynthia shared Action Items from Survey
- Reconciliation
- Relationship building
- Complete pit clean up
- Get more space for programming
- Support for homeless who use our site
- Outreach strategies – table set up in green space for Board members to update public
- Recommendation for graduation link to be shared with elders in 55+ so they can watch, see bracelets made given to students

4. New Business
Student Council update (Khai)
- The BIPOC student group is setting up a virtual tour of Hogan’s Alley
- Movie showing will feature Black Panther
- School land acknowledgement workshop
- Working on policies around equity and inclusion
- 4 months working on a petition to have SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) reps on student council
- Notice was approved by SAGAA (Sexuality and Gender Acceptance Alliance)
- Adding to school constitution
- Vote on policy Feb 23
- Long journey to get to this point
- Circulating letter of support and inviting community and staff to sign it
- Action – Cynthia to sign on behalf of the Board for the Society

MOTION TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT AS A BOARD
Ingrid Kolsteren/ Vera Jones    CARRIED

5. Partner Reports
Vancouver Park Board
- p.7-8

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)
- p.9-11
- passport checking and PHO safety requirements still in place
- staff shortages are still occurring
- inconsistent lesson sets in facilities
- kudos to Marie and Susy for keeping things going with staffing challenges
- confirmed facility maintenance closures this year
- rink will close in Jul/Aug for installation of a new compressor
- pool closure will be approx. time in October
- not ideal timing as middle of fall lesson time
- have to do the work with the windows of opportunity presented to get it done
- most winter programs have continued
- volunteer tax clinic coming up, appointments can be booked starting late Feb
- Gladstone tanning workshop example of good cultural program
Dechlan will do update for SEA and Arts & Culture committees
Musica Intima performance this Fri at 3:30 in gym D
ACTION – performance details forwarded to Board
HATTA film not quite ready for public viewing yet

Vancouver Public Library (Noreen Ma)
- Language Fun Storytime - Britannia Children’s Librarian is offering Language Fun Storytime at the Robert & Lily Lee Community Health Centre. This is a storytime that is facilitated with a speech and language pathologist. This is a referral program that targets pre-schoolers that have speech and language delays.
- Britannia Library is hoping to restart storytimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays in March: Babytimes on Tuesdays at 10:30am and 11:30am; and Family Storytimes on Thursdays at 10am and 11am. The Early Learning Space has been very popular with the community; it is especially busy afterschool until 5pm.
- In February, the art gallery is currently featuring *Extinction* by Melanie Olson. Melanie’s art consists of mixed medium paintings and a provocative installation in the display case. Also being featured this month in the art gallery is *The Darkest Place* by Patrick Meighan who is featuring acrylic paintings.

7. Management Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)
- received grants mentioned earlier
- BC Housing has asked if Britannia would like to be extreme weather response site
- Activated at 0 degrees in stead of -5 and open for more days
- Talking to Peter and Jeremy, may be next cold season at this point
- Our warming centre has new location at 1660 E Hastings
- Risk management issues to work through with City, ie for skate boarding
- Many thanks to Vera for hosting and facilitating our RIA committee meeting
- Attended by over 20 people
- Difficult and interesting conversations
- Meeting was day after discovery of more buried children at Williams Lake
- Met with VSB Indigenous department
- s̓xʷq̓e̓ləwən ct being activated in organic way
- City and Collingwood looking at non-profit response to pandemic
- Community and neighbourhood appropriately resourced for critical stretch

Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)
- still have vacant Office Administrator position and Jessica Hill continues to fill in
- staff teams rising to challenge of getting things done even with shortages
- a lot o work for Jeremy and accounting at this time
- year end figures will be ready to present at next Finance meeting
- range of surplus is going down

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)
- extra busy over the past week
- transition of child care to Ministry of Education in April this year
framework for implementing $10/day should follow this transition
health and safety grants put $160/ child in our programs which can help with staff and cleaning
no closures at this point though some reduced hours here and there
rapid tests received for staff, no parameters in place for these
supervisors will determine with staff
link to register to meet pedagogist on Feb 21 to learn about her role and how she’s working with staff and children
parents and Board members invited

8. Consent Items

Anti Racism Anti Oppression committee
- Thanks to Naina for taking care of the committee and Ingrid for supporting her
- Currently don’t have a staff support for this committee

Arts & Culture committee
- Still in process of hiring Community Arts Programmer
- Much appreciation to Helen who is putting in long days filling in while teaching her arts programs

Reconciliation in Action committee
- Committee notes not included from meeting on Jan 26
- Cynthia will send notes around for review

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED
John Flipse/ Emily Vickery       CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 7:58pm
Craig Ollenberger/ Susanne Dahlin       CARRIED

In Camera