

**Britannia Board Meeting  
January 10, 2018**

**Board Room – Information Centre**

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

**Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:03pm**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Additions to Agenda;

2a. Board acceptance of Jaiden's resignation

3. Move New Business to item 10 on agenda. Will be In Camera.

9d. SEA Committee update

9e. Youth Matters

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

**Craig Ollenberger/ Ingrid Kolsteren**

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2017**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

**Annie Danilko/ Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

**2 a) Resignation of Jaiden Simmons**

As Jaiden is no longer working at Britannia he is stepping down from his role as Staff Representative on the Board of Management. Everyone thanked Jaiden for his time and commitment during his time on the Board.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF JAI DEN SIMMONS AS STAFF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD.**

**Craig Ollenberger/ Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

**3. Old Business**

Britannia Renewal

- Tentative date for Open House event is Tue Feb 27
- Meeting with the City tomorrow on details for Open House

**4. Partners Reports**

**VPB – Peter, p.7**

- Rink needs staffing 24 hours now with staff certified in chemical handling

- Currently rink is only closed 4 hours, but that is long enough for staff to be vulnerable to accumulated gas when opening.
- Will be hiring new staff for full schedule coverage.

**ACTION** - Board members interested in being a part of the interview panel contact Peter.

- The Warming Centre opened a few nights when the temperature dropped to -5°
- Number of users was much lower than last year. Not cold enough for people to leave their spots.
- Gwen expressed thanks to Tom and the team of staff that worked the nights at the Warming Centre for all their hard work.

## **VPB – p.8**

- Stuart is now the Chair of the Park Board
- Closure of Templeton Pool will be delayed
- The community has started a “ Save Templeton!” petition that needs signatures

**ACTION** – Kathy will send link to petition to the Board so everyone can sign.

## **MOTION TO SUBMIT LETTER TO VANCOUVER PARKS BOARD IN SUPPORT OF TEMPLETON POOL**

**Susanne Dahlin/ Craig Ollenberger**

**CARRIED**

**ACTION** – Cynthia to draft a letter with Pamela, signed by Gwen, to submit to Park Board on behalf of the Board before their meeting on January 29.

## **VPL – Megan p. 9-11**

- The library staff have extra Inspiration Passes that can be given to families in need
- Sandra Singh, currently Chief Librarian for VPL, will be the new General Manager of Arts, Culture and Community Services for the City of Vancouver in March.

**ACTION** – Kathy will add link and info on library instrument donation program to the Britannia web site.

## **VSB – Andrew**

- Library in the school is changing the culture of reading with the students
- 132 grade 7's in the catchment which is steady number since 2009, and a percentage of these students will end up at Britannia, while others will leave the catchment
- Housing affordability is making it unaffordable for families in the area
- The Venture program for grade 8's has doubled in size and is one successful program bringing numbers up at Britannia  
Venture program is early version of International Baccalaureate (IB) program where typically students graduate ready for second year of many university programs
- Grade 8 has 30-45% of students reading at grade 4 level and numeracy skills behind grade level
- Despite these low levels, graduation rate is 92% of students showing that over 5 yrs in secondary the students are improving

- Partnerships at Britannia contribute to helping students by keeping them engaged, and providing more opportunities around the site
- Importance of integrated model such as Britannia is incredibly valuable to student achievement and success
- Staffing shortage of music and math teacher
- Great work going on teaching around Reconciliation at all grade levels

## 5. Correspondence Report

File circulated with holiday greeting cards received and thank you letters from Van Tech graduates who received scholarships from Britannia.

## 6. Board Check In – no comments

## 7. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – p.12

- Attended Youth Services team meeting and learned a lot about the work they do. Thanks to Diana, Tom, Peter and rest of the team for all of their work.
- Mandate and values are being reviewed by the team and will be brought back to the Board for review in February or March.

Manager of Administration – p.13

- Accounting team has been hard at work focused on year end, so no new financial statements at this time
- No Finance meeting in December
- Over \$46,000 in Leisure Access discounts in 2017
- Strong rink & pool revenues mean this can fit into the City budget
- Transferred \$152,484 to the Foundation for year end surplus policy

Manager of Child Care Services – p.14

- Still need casual/auxiliary staff. Will be doing more interviews soon.
- The children are loving the new playground for Grandview Terrace
- All of the child care parent groups are very active

## 8. Committee Reports

a) Arts & Culture – p.15-16

- The Grant recipients from 2017 all gave presentations on the work they were able to do with their grant money
- Great diversity of work represented
- Soon to review the applications for 2018

b) Planning & Development – p.17

- Committee working on definition of Affordable Housing to clarify what we mean
- Not just low income people that can't afford housing, also working class
- Changes made to the draft will be reviewed this Thursday
- Also working on defining "Green Space to be clear what it means to Britannia
- Difference between Green Spaces and Open Spaces

c) Board Task List – p.18

- Cynthia will bring the draft of Advisory Committee Elders & Knowledge Keepers to the February meeting
  - Cynthia looked into the funds being managed by the Vancouver Foundation. The endowment fund was established in 1995 with \$10,000 from the Board. Britannia gets annual interest of approx. \$1200-1600. Current value of the fund is \$50,100 (need actual total) due to contributions of individuals through the Foundation that are earmarked for Britannia. This money can't be used. The interest we accrue each year goes into our Discretionary Funds. To date \$40,372.08 interest received from Vancouver Foundation and \$496,108.86 in grants since 1999
  - Cynthia provided a briefing note with information on nominations and appointments of Britannia Foundation members. Need a minimum of 5 members. 2 year terms up to 5 terms.
  - Andrew will invite Tracy from the Metro Vancouver Alliance to attend the February Board meeting.
  - Renewal Open House scheduled for January 17 has been postponed.
  - Levi has agreed to work on phonetic pronunciation of ʃx<sup>w</sup>q<sup>w</sup>eləwən ct Carving Centre for the public
- d) Seniors, Elders and Advocates (SEA)
- The elders were able to raise \$8603.35 through their Silent Auction and craft sales for the Ashcroft Reserve that had been devastated by wild fires last year.
  - The Britannia Board will contribute \$6000 as decided at Octobers meeting
- e) Youth Matters
- Report submitted by Scott
  - Review of Youth services at Britannia is under way to ensure a site wide inclusive approach for diverse range of youth

## **MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED**

**Pamela Dudas/ Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURN AT 7:58pm**

**In camera**