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Britannia Board Meeting January 12, 2022

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, Susanne Dahlin, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Vera Jones, Craig Ollenberger, Khai Truong, Emily Vickery, Carmen Cho, Noreen Ma

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Jacky Hughes, Peter Odynsky, Kathy Whittam (recording)

REGRETS: John Flipse, Naina Varshney, Ingrid Kolsteren, Ashki Shkur, Stuart MacKinnon

GUESTS: Oliver Tennant, Sam Shore, Jeff Lee, Rose Archie, Alex Grace, Megan O'Shaughnessy, Michelle Pezel

Annie called meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Welcome and land acknowledgement - Annie

1. Approval of Agenda

- move Courts presentation to first item
- Decision items to follow while quorum

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
Pamela Dudas/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Dec 8, 2021

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
Pamela Dudas/ Khai Truong

CARRIED

GUESTS: The Courts Committee

- P.16 Briefing note
- Presentation from Oliver Tennant and The Courts committee members
- Background on how the Courts Skate Park evolved
- Founded in 2017 and rooted in community
- A number of things make it special including:
 - obstacles made by community for the community
 - lights to keep it safe at night
 - moveable obstacles, good for all abilities
 - everyone is welcome, all ages and skills
 - social space and hub for events
- Great media coverage this year including Aug 12 by CBC, Aug 26 by Globe and Mail, and a Youtube feature by About Here on Oct 14
- Have created terms of reference and community guidelines that outline purpose of committee
- Clean and respectful space
- Met with Planning & Development committee, Cynthia, and attended Renewal Open Houses to address our concerns

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- Started a campaign to #SaveBritanniaCourts
- Rooftop skate park proposed
- Artist renderings created of what it could look like
- Skate court will be doing orientation and training for people who want to be part of the committee
- Approval of committee and members through the Board Development committee who will bring official motion for Board review at February meeting
- Kudos to the community of folks who have put in lots of time and energy to build support and activate this wonderful space

3. New Business

Priorities 2022 (Cynthia)

- Briefing note p.7-11

MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE, IN PRINCIPLE, THE 2022 PRIORITIES AND A BUDGET OF \$192,000 TO ACHIEVE THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES AS PRESENTED, AND;

THAT THE MANAGEMENT TEAM PRESENT THE 2022 PRIORITIES AND FUNDING STRATEGY TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL, AND;

THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVE QUARTERLY REPORTS ON PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTING OF THE 2022 PRIORITIES IN MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER 2022.

Pamela Dudas/ Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

COVID 19 Mandatory Vaccination Policy (Cynthia)

- Briefing note p.12-15

MOTION THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE CITY OF VANCOUVER COVID-19 MANDATORY VACCINATION AS THE BRITANNIA COVID-19 MANDATORY VACCINATION, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO SECTION 1.2.:

1.2. EACH EMPLOYEE, VOLUNTEER AND CONTRACTOR WHO WORKS ON THE BRITANNIA SITE MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED, AND PROVIDE PROOF OF VACCINATION IN A MANNER AND FORM THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY, NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2022.

Pamela Dudas/ Khai Truong

CARRIED

4. Old Business

Renewal Update (Susanne)

- Continue to meet with City on Fridays
- Progress is inching along
- This week meeting with officials again where Perkins & Will presenting the next steps
- Britannia has submitted a revised list which they will respond to at next meeting
- Looking for drawing to take to community by the spring
- VSB gave us a list of space and program needs
- Looking at those on Thursday at partner meeting
- Optimistic about moving forward
- Discussions on what will be in the pool building

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- Wish list from four years ago may not align with current needs
- Planning & Development meeting next week, Jan 18th at 6:30pm
- Pool & Fitness meeting on Jan 25th at 6pm

Partnership Update & Lists (Cynthia)

- MOU's with partners ongoing
- CFEC, VNHS and other key partners are priorities right now

Planning Day Follow Up (Cynthia)

- Survey for Board and staff
- A lot of one off comments
- May not have fallen into the rubric of planning
- Some are day to day operations

5. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board

- p.17-18

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- p.19-22
- wrap up fall into winter and through a new set of PHO changes
- hands up to our team that pulled everything off
- kudos to Tom and team for warming centre and running Funseekers camp an extra week
- recreation facility fee increases approved by the VPB and now rolled out
- Arts & Culture program position posting this Friday, hope to fill by mid-late February
- PHO didn't impact all programs, mainly fitness
- Many programs weren't schedule to start right away in anticipation of numbers going up over holidays

Vancouver Public Library (Noreen Ma)

- Early learning space opened on Dec 17
- Light table, reading nooks and more
- Increase in space for families
- Teen area also increased
- Connecting Kith & Kin starting new session Jan 11, still online
- In person story times in the fall have paused until February
- Art Gallery re-opened featuring Anne Robson

Vancouver School Board (Carmen Cho)

- New Superintendent from the Niagara district of Ontario, Helen McGregor, started on Jan 1
- Board is working with Anti Racism and Discrimination Advisory Committee
- Sharing circles with parents, students and staff helping to shape goals and objectives
- Advisory group is looking at feedback
- Working group will put action into these
- Another focus is developing a food framework
- Federal school food program potential funds
- 10 year vision for food throughout the district

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- Every school does different things, such as garden to feast
- Relies on staff/parent with passion to lead with a lot of volunteer
- Want participation for all students in all schools
- Absolutely hoping students will share ideas and be involved in planning
- Will follow up with info on advisory committee
- Khai and other students have been doing a lot around anti-racism and are frustrated by the process
- Carmen will listen to their concerns to see what can be done differently
- Work with Knowledge Keeper Amanda White

7. Management Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

- p.23
- service continuation plan, how to operate with reduced staff for operations if many are out sick
- spacing, Covid checklists and other measures still in place

Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

- Financials p.24-34
- Fiscal year end is keeping him and accounting busy
- Lost our Office Administrator in December
- Jessica Hill, Aquatic Leader, is Acting for now
- Other important work is year end invoices, T4's and more
- Final claims for CEWS are done, a total of 21 pay periods
- Claimed just under \$1.5 million, including \$935,000 for off site child cares and \$728,000 society wages, to October 2021
- Forecasted deficits come on at year end brought surplus down to \$200,000
- Still a strong end to the year

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

- p.35
- orientation for child care boards
- staff shortages
- goal is to stay open, may need to shorten hours or reduce ratios
- staff from other centres helping to fill in where they can
- thank you to Jeremy for all the help with CEWS and everything to help child cares keep doors open

8. Consent Items

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Areila Friedmann/ Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 7:52pm

Pamela Dudas/ Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

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Executive In Camera