

Britannia Board Meeting January 11, 2023

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Vera Jones, Susanne Dahlin, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Craig Ollenberger, Stephanie Slen, Ashki Shkur, Oliver Tennant, Naina Varshney, Emma Xu, Randy Gatley (VPL), Maddie LaFleur (VSB), Laura Christensen (VPB)

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Peter Odynsky, Kathy Whittam (Recording)

REGRETS: Jacky Hughes, Rose Mackenzie

Annie called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Craig Ollenberger/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2022

- Move Ariela to Regrets
- Amend Motion that Matt resigned as Treasurer

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Pamela Dudas/ John Flipse

CARRIED

3. Guest – Norm Leech

- We're all on path to reconciliation after growing in a colonized society
- Looking to understand how we begin decolonizing our ways
- Example is meetings run with Roberts Rules
- Differences between indigenous and colonized world views
- Indigenous are close enough to their trauma, on many levels remember that it used to be better
- Colonization was perfected here but not invented here
- Take over of settlers home lands is so much further in the past and far away
- To some degree the whole world has been colonized
- Intergenerational trauma inherited, but also inherit what was needed to survive
- Strength, courage, resilience and wisdom
- Land ancestors provided traditional ways of connecting to land and each other
- Land must love us to give us so much with only expectation to care for it
- Colonizers good at writing laws to benefit them – lots of examples of “right”
- Solutions to roots of problems won't grow from colonized ways of thinking
- How can we live together here in a good way?
- Many places beginning this work of decolonization, building community, restoring connection

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4. New Business

2023 Priorities (Cynthia)

- Briefing note p.6-13
- Almost 40 items – some related, some already working on
- Haven't presented 2023 budget yet, but preparing for deficit of \$142,265
- Allowing for larger deficit to cover 5 year plan shows commitment to potential funders
- With grants may not be a deficit by end of year
- To move forward in a good way, may need to step up to risk
- Put resources behind the work that needs to be done, get beyond talking about it
- Role modeling how to put stuff into action
- Budget will be presented to Finance in 2 weeks and in February will be brought to Board for vote
- Manager of Operational Change begins work next week and then we really get to work on 5 year Reconciliation plan
- Then need funding to make work sustainable
- Briefing note shows strategy and priorities
- Need everyone reading material to be prepared for discussion and motions to vote on at meeting

MOTION AS REVISED

Craig Ollenberger/ Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

Approve – Annie, Susanne, Pamela, Pat, Farren, Craig, Naina

Nay – John Flipse

Abstain – Ariela, Ashki, Stephanie

Funding Request (Cynthia)

- Briefing note shared
- Grade 7 teacher at Britannia Elementary
- Requesting \$1500 from discretionary fund
- Facilitated Arts & Culture for his class

MOTION TO APPROVE PROVIDING \$1500 FROM DISCRETIONARY FUND TOWARDS THIS ARTS & CULTURE PROJECT AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Susanne Dahlin/ John Flipse

CARRIED

5. Old Business

Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update (Susanne)

- Went to trustees of VSB prior to election to consider meeting with us regarding VSB portion of our site
- Janet Fraser will be representative
- Melanie Mark to represent Provincial
- movement forward relative quickly with new Board of trustees
- been over a month since last meeting with COV planners
- February meeting to go over updates

5 Year Reconciliation Plan Update (Cynthia)

- Currently getting office ready for new Manager of Operational Change
- Wrapping up year end stuff
- 2022 work during fiscal year was put on CCRF

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- Contribution agreement – spent just under \$88,000
- Still haven't received funding from them, current budget shows full deficit on this work
- 75% portion of first claim paid
- Meeting with them tomorrow
- More specifics on what expenses are approved
- Pacifican Agency where agreement came from
- To hire and provide economic stimulus for things impacted by COVID
- Agreement you pay and reimbursed vs grant given cheque
- Still waiting on requests from Q1
- Not providing stimulus they were hoping for with this program

BREAK

6. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board (Laura Christensen)

- No recent meetings to update on
- Last was December 5 when 3% fee increase was approved
- Asked staff to expand LAC program
- asking COV Auditor General to review Park Board budgets

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- p.14-16
- not a lot of programming late December
- focus on camps and warming centre
- winter programs are beginning
- spring planning already under way
- arts team received good response for school to have students involved with Simon James
- Christine Germano light boxes project
- Alcoves will have something, more opportunity to feature stuff outside of art gallery
- Pool changes include Jessica Hill was moved to Hillcrest and Denas is replacing Ryan
- Two interns, Noah helping Ruth and Amy helping Tom
- Waiting lists for many programs, mostly full Microfootie and gymnastics
- Space is still a problem to be able to offer more
- Operating at 95% capacity of space so no room for ad hoc community led stuff
- Recreation lessons need more staffing, other programs lack space

Vancouver School Board (Maddie Lafleur)

- December was a great year end for holiday hampers with lots of community donors
- Able to run a partnership with Tom for successful basketball camp
- Working with skateboard committee on workshops for students to learn how to build ramps, etc in the woodshop
- 48th Annual Bruins Invitational included students attending Britannia next year, chance to play and have fun
- Challenges from student council during half times
- Ring ceremony for Provincial winners from before Covid lockdown

Vancouver Public Library (Randy Gatley)

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- Drum making with 55+ went well
- Branch is busy over the holidays
- All of the space is being used
- Regular programs back on schedule this week
- Connecting Kith & Kin starts next week another full program
- Thankful Vera rejoining to offer elder support
- Partnering to help with the tax clinic
- Seed library will be coming once a month
- Staffing is stable right now
- Simon will be taking some parental leave and Teresa will be covering for a couple of months

7. Admin Reports

Executive Director

- p.17
- successful event for the Breakfast with Santa and Elders
- sometimes great things come together quick last minute
- approx. 300 attended between 10am-12pm
- partnership with REACH
- soft promo for vaccination hesitant community
- Wednesday Night Family Powwow also part of event
- Look at hosting more events where community can hang out together

Manager of Administrative Services

- p.18
- financials 19-27
- compressed November statement
- includes key budgets like child care, city and discrepancy
- Overall will have higher surplus end of year
- Snow flooding problem led to flooding in gym C

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

- p.28-31
- transition to new pedagogist who began in December
- hiring continues to be challenge for auxiliary staff
- a few vacancies
- snowy week challenge for staffing, had operations that had to close

8. Consent Items

- Anti Racism Anti Oppression committee is planning for Black History month
 - co-hosting sharing circles, start Feb 2
 - talk about reconciliation and decolonization
 - personal and facility
 - Wendy Nahanee will facilitate with Annie, Amanda, Cynthia
- Mark calendars for HOBIYEE – Mar 2-4 at PNE
- Skateboard Committee finalized mural on north wall of the courts
 - partnership with woodshop teacher for building workshops

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

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Craig Ollenberger/ Farren Gillaspie

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 9:10PM

Craig Ollenberger/ Ariela Friedmann

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