

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting June 8, 2022

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Naina Varshney, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillspie, Pat Hogan, Craig Ollenberger, Ashki Shkur, Stephanie Slen, Matt Smith, Oliver Tennant, Emma Xu, Randy Gatley
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Jeremy Shier, Jessica Hill-Naegeli, Jacky Hughes
REGRETS: Vera Jones, Susanne Dahlin, Emily Vickery, Carmen Cho
GUESTS: Kwekwayel7simi Wendy Nahee

Cynthia called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Guest Speaker: Kwekwayel7simi Wendy Nahee.

- Language teachings
- šx^wq^weləwən ct - name of carving pavilion means 'I have a good feeling in my heart'.
- It is good to ask questions and try language.
- Sacred teaching of 'Chen Chen Stway' – to hold and lift each other up in a good way.
- Learning on the meanings behind holding up hands, palms facing you as a way to show respect. It is also a way of showing that you are receiving information and give thanks from the speaker while they are talking- without interrupting.
- Learning on how to Honor the territories and respect the land and ancestors.
- Appropriate tree and plant harvesting practice. Tobacco, sage, cedar, sweet grass are the 4 sacred plants of Turtle Island.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

John Flipse/ Pat Hogan

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Annie Danilko/ Ashki Shkur

CARRIED

3. Election of Executive

President: Annie Danilko

Vice President: Pamela Dudas

Treasurer: Matt Smith

Members at Large: Vera Jones, John Flipse

4. New Business

Conflict of Interest (Cynthia)

- What constitutes a conflict of interest, and how to personally identify and state to members in advance or when the moment one arises.
- If there is a conflict of interest one can speak on the subject but does not have voting rights.

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Board Meeting Dates (Cynthia)

- Board will not be meeting in July, August, or November.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MEETING DATES

Craig Ollenberger/ Naina Varshney

CARRIED

Scholarships (Jeremy)

- Ashki to attend Van Tech Graduation ceremonies on June 24.
- Matt to attend Templeton Graduation ceremonies on June 22.

MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Craig Ollenberger/ Matt Smith

CARRIED

Public Art (Cynthia)

- Most of the projects underway will be completed around the same time.
- There will be ceremonies and official openings.
- To have public art that is appropriate and considerate takes time (1.5 years) to facilitate
- Due process and design to make meaningful works of substance that align with Britannia's mandates.
- All public art on site is from emerging and new artists.
- Engagement process to begin for placement of the Orca Bench, and Brit High School students and student council will decide the placement of the Rainbow Bench with consultation from VSB.

MOTION TO APPROVE BENCH PLACEMENT STRATEGIES

Craig Ollenberger/ Oliver Tennant

CARRIED

Special Events (Cynthia)

- With health orders lifting there is opportunity to restart special events. Survey requested to find out what kinds of events are wanted by staff and public-report by September. Small event planned for July 1

5. Old Business

Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update (Susanne)

- Not many changes to report
- Open house and tabling to continue thru summer for new families moving into neighbourhood and others new to info.
- City is in pre-election blackout before election now
- Special permission received to discuss building 1
- Rezoning expected early 2023

5 Year Reconciliation Plan (Cynthia)

- p.42
- Action items draft
- Call to Elder, Youth and all those interested to join committee.

2022 Priorities & Strategic Plan (Cynthia)

- p.10-14
- November planning date.
- Board priorities on website.
- In-service planned for Staff in the fall.

Summer Management Priorities (Cynthia)

- Management will discuss

6. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- Staffing issues continue, leading to a programming holes in areas like swimming lessons.
- Lifesaving society to take over swimming lessons from Red Cross- big shift
- Call from community for more special events
- 55+ Centre is open
- More youth out trips
- Pool closure Sep 17-Oct 17 will ensure a full lesson set for fall when it reopens
- Parks board approval of 20 year skate park strategy

Vancouver Public Library (Randy Gatley)

- As of June 1 no more late fees
- Children's programming, story time, and reading programs for summer set to begin
- August 31 is the day the 25 year time capsule created in 1997 will be opened
- Teen reading program theme 'Touch Grass'
- VPL facing staffing challenges across city

7. Admin Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

- p.18
- Priorities are: renewal engagement (options, feedback); special events; Reconciliation In Action; vacant positions

Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

- p.19-20
- Hiring of Office Administrator
- Filing of charity returns
- 2021 child care audits
- Budget in August 2023
- Close out CRA claims- ongoing
- Report: review of pool, fitness center, and rink expenses and revenue looking like a typical, pre-COVID year- even a little bit better than previous years.
- Possible finance and budget tutorial from Jeremy in September

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

- p.34
- Wade Forbs is retiring after a 40 year career in childcare- posting for position coming
- \$10 a day admin work continues
- BCEGU bargaining
- Strategic plan collaboration on child care hub.
- Looking for a consultant to help identify needs, Indigenous knowledge, history and inclusion.
- Having a child specialist make presentation to board
- Wait lists are full until 2025

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8. Consent Items

- Call to support nations skate youth with hosting event on June 21- use of court and \$500 insurance, event from 3:00-8:00 PM
- Arts and Culture Committee needs a new Board liaison
- Alex, Will and Selwyn will stay on the Courts committee
- Change name to Pool and Fitness Centre committee to mark difference from Sport and Fitness committee

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger/ Ashki Shkur

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 8:35pm

Craig Ollenberger/

CARRIED