

**Britannia Board Meeting  
March 13, 2019**

**Board Room – Information Centre**

**PRESENT:** Scott Clark, Ingrid Kolsteren, John Flipse, Annie Danilko, Freya Kristensen, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Levi Higgs, Vera Jones, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Craig Ollenberger, Andrew Phillips, Naina Varshney, Li Mei Yip, Megan Langley, Ron Scott, Stuart MacKinnon

**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Rachel Day, Jane Stanier (staff rep), Erica Mark, Kathy Whittam, Cyn Williams

**REGRETS:** Carmen Cho

**Board meeting called to order at 6:05pm**

**Introductions and Acknowledgment**

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy<sup>ə</sup>m (Musqueam), sk<sup>w</sup>x<sup>w</sup>ú7mesh (Squamish) and selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh).

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Add In-Camera for Executive after item 14 (Adjournment)

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA as amended  
Vera Jones/ Naina Varshney**

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2019**

- Add Li Mei to list of Present Board Members

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES as amended  
Pamela Dudas/ Annie Danilko**

**CARRIED**

**3. New Business**

Weekends (Cynthia Low)

- Briefing note circulated on emerging issues and difficulties on site over weekends
- Lack of consistent supervisors to support mostly auxiliary staff evenings and weekends
- Balancing various approaches to outdoor space usage that are not intended, such as drinking and camping out
- By-laws and human rights laws not always in line for a public site as we have schools and community buildings, and rules vary on time of day
- Recommendations to increase supervisory presence particularly on weekends
- Management and pool staff will propose remediation ideas for pool alcoves in the breezeway to make seating area more difficult to lie down in.
- Pool & Fitness Committee will discuss, and Park Board Maintenance will estimate costs

## **MOTION TO INVESTIGATE POSITIVE CHANGE TO ALCOVES BY CREATING SEATING OPTION WITH POOL & FITNESS COMMITTEE**

**John Flipse/ Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

Scholarships (Cynthia Low) – p.9-10

- Every year the Board has to approve and give out designated scholarships
- Board representatives attend graduation ceremonies to give the scholarship awards

## **MOTION TO APPROVE SCHOLARSHIPS AS BUDGETED.**

**John Flipse/ Susanne Dahlin**

**CARRIED**

Youth Voices for Reconciliation (Cynthia Low)

- Our Place initiative put together by ALIVE
- Funding from Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction
- Britannia is an active partner to help with admin capacity to run the grant \$318,000
- Admin and accounting support – hiring, outreach, budget, management
- CUPE 15 positions to hire

Giving Voice (Cynthia Low)

- Federal grant of \$10,000 to support Reconciliation initiatives
- 15 month Youth Voices for Reconciliation
- Partnerships are working and now Federal government is supporting
- Vera Jones is Board member overseeing the grant. Jessica Savouy hired as admin
- Getting Indigenous people more involved in planning and making place, not just being invited to dance

## **4. Old Business**

Britannia Renewal (Susanne Dahlin)

- Meetings are ongoing with City of Vancouver every 2nd week
- Next stage is development application

PB Policy Direction (Erica Mark)

- Workplace attire policy has been passed for Park Board staff
- Talking with staff and supervisors at Britannia to see how we should manage here
- Some patrons or people on site don't always respond well to uniforms

Strategic Plan Work Planning (Annie Danilko)

- Handout circulated
- Met with Nikki who facilitated the Board Retreat
- Research and environment scan of Grandview Woodlands
- Britannia programming principles
- Expand reach to area partners
- Next on timeline is develop budget March 20 to go to next Finance meeting
- First draft of plan to be complete by April 8

## 5. Correspondence Report – circulated during the break

## 6. Partners' Reports

VPB – Erica Mark, p.11-15

- Filling in while Peter Odymsky is off for a couple of months, has been getting acquainted with the site, staff, and roles
- Rink Operations and compliance electrical audit done and closure schedule will be revised
- Jessica Savoy hired as RISE leader
- Positive feedback on Swim to Survive Program
- Drum making workshop popular with 30 youth and 20 elders
- Gym A/B floor was damaged by some gymnastics equipment, met with school board and worked through the problem
- VACHL year-end tournament this weekend
- Team building workshops for Microfootie had 150 youth turn out
- Stephanie Angel-Garay is book for the Latin American Youth

**ACTION** – Erica to look into Stick & Puck rules and let Andrew know if full equipment is needed.

VPB – Stuart MacKinnon

- Recent presentation for next steps of Van Play draft strategic Big Moves, known as 'the Playbook' will be brought to Commissioners for approval within a few months
- Annual 4/20 event is hard to find a venue for as organizers still labeling as a protest instead of vendor market. Will be held at Sunset again after Hastings Park turned down.
- Youth services overview under way for 17 Community Youth workers across city
- Park Board support for the Women Deliver Conference June 3-6
- False Creek Flats panel expected to submit final recommendations to City Council in May. Any proposed changes to permanent park boundaries will require Park Board approval
- New Substation being planned under Nelson Park that community is strongly opposed to
- SPCA motion to change protocol around pest control to make it more humane than poison, which is a risk to domestic animals
- Passed a motion to help campers in Oppenheimer Park with shelter & services, such as porta potties
- Next meeting April 1

VPL – Megan Langley, p.16-19

- Has been increasingly busy with Hastings branch being closed for roof repairs
- Ariel has worked with partners, ALIVE, LAC and Britannia to develop a workshop called Connecting with Kith & Kin to help people trace their ancestral genealogy
- Have been opening the Library meeting room for BCSC, CFEC and VSB Outreach to help out with lack of space issue on site.

- All of the library programming is going well

## VSB – Ron Scott

- Recently had visit from delegates from sister city school in Yokohama, Japan. They were blown away by all the different ways we try to honour different people here at Britannia.
- Shared collective effort and partnerships to make things happen
- Britannia students won 18 medals at Provincial Science Fair
- Grade 8 girls basketball came in 1<sup>st</sup> in City, 5<sup>th</sup> in province and a few players are being scouted by University teams
- Jasleen Bahia won a 2019 Loran Scholarship, one of the Canada's most prestigious post-secondary scholarship awards for \$100,000 over 4 years
- Jessica Savoy is bridging the gap for indigenous students from Xpey' elementary
- Community Education has subsidized some students to attend Funseekers Spring Break camp
- Street to Peak leaves tonight for their journey in New Zealand

## 7. Board Check-in

- Thanks to Craig for making sure we have cookies at meetings
- Andrew mentioned at a 1<sup>st</sup> & Clark public meeting it was noted that Britannia is good at public consultation
- Haida Conference this weekend with language and weaving programs. Hosted at the Hall and at 65 W Cordova
- Vera updated on settlement agreement in principle for residential school survivors and 60's scoop. Deadline is Aug 31, 2019 for compensation applications from survivors between 1960-1980
- Scott reminded that the ALIVE facebook page has lots to share. Off reserve advocacy for 80% of Indigenous people who live off reserve led to creation of North West Indigenous Council. Thanks to Cynthia for stepping up with support
- Condolences to John Flipse and family for the recent loss of his father.

## 8. Administration Reports

Executive Director – Cynthia Low, p.20

- Lindsay, Bryant and Jessica have been big support for North West Indigenous Council
- As a team, with Board supports, and people supporting each other we're working as a community to make Reconciliation happen
- Need to develop better infrastructure to make last minute changes to Federal & Provincial grants which have tight turnaround times
- Disrupting systems in favour of Reconciliation and Programming Principles
- Subscribing to fund development database to help bring in more grants, less time searching for grants and more applications to choose from
- Received grant for Mothers Day Pow Wow to be held at Trout Lake this year
- Trojan has until September to work with community to improve access to boxing for youth
- Parents for Spanish will no longer be renting space from Britannia, we need the programming space and they are outside organization not in line with our Programming Principles for the community we serve

Manager of Administrative Services – Jeremy Shier, p.21-22

- Budget difference is due to pay increases which started January 1, and that there are more pay periods in January. Will balance out over time.
- Britannia Foundation Winter meeting held Feb 26 had a presentation from VanCity. Stocks tumbled a bit but rebound happening. The AGM will be prior to Board meeting on April 10.
- Erica has found a few gaps with facility maintenance and things outside the Mech Tech job
- 1739 Venables continues to be a challenge with leaks in roof last week. Need to find a new space.
- Audit begins next week and will take about a month. Report will go to Finance in April and then come to the Board in May.
- Ammonia plant replacement in rink, timeline for parts and staffing in development. May 13<sup>th</sup> date for closure to begin.

**ACTION** – Erica will bring updated timeline to next Board meeting

Manager of Child Care Services – Rachel Day, p.23

- Lots of admin and HR
- Recruited new casual staff for the child care Hub
- Lord Nelson new location is still a shell at this point. A smaller space that may mean losing up to 10 spaces
- All Gaming grants have been applied for and approved
- Working on service agreements with child care Boards, wage enhancements
- Thank you to Susanne and Ingrid for meeting with child care Supervisors regarding renewal changes
- \$10/ day child care is being piloted at a few locations, including Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, will still be a while before it grows to a provincial initiative,

## 9. Consent Items

a) Executive Committee – p.24-25

- Attended long range planning meeting at VSB. Scott presented that Trustees should be advocating with Federal and Provincial governments to deal with issues that are causing families to leave our neighbourhoods, and for supports that student families need
- Mostly east side schools up for closure

b) Finance Committee – p. 26-52

- No questions on financial reports

c) Board Development Committee

- Board members with terms coming up need to decide if they are running for next term
- Constitution and By-law changes to be made at the AGM

**ACTION** – reminder to make sure all Board memberships are up to date by May 8.

d) Arts and Culture Committee

- The March exhibition opening reception was one of the busiest with over 50 people attending

e) Planning & Development Committee

- Have relaunched meetings with the City
- Redevelopment application to start first phase
- We need to do more consultation on housing
- Guiding principles identified
- Need a visual for ‘what does 300 units look like?’ What does it mean with everything we have going on site?
- Want to commission 2 models to compare what it will look like with 35 units of housing on site, and also with 300 units
- Questions around the ‘Hub’ proposed by the City, and issues around phasing of the project timeline. Will have someone from the City to speak to these matters at a future meeting

**MOTION TO SUPPORT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH DEVELOPING A VISUAL AID FOR CONSULTATION ON HOUSING WITH COMMUNITY.**

**Susanne Dahlin/Annie Danilko**

**CARRIED**

**Opposed: John Flipse**

**Abstained: Levi Higgs**

f) SEA Committee

- Tobacco plants donated for ceremonial gifts will be planted at šxwqweləwən ct
- genealogy work with Ariel is great
- cedar weaving is popular we’re running out of space
- drum group is now open to all
- when Anne returns will work on another blanket ceremony
- new annual event for missing & murdered men “All Our Brothers” successful

g) RIA Committee

- took new model of community governance to City but bad timing as they are working on new City Plan
- success with Federal and Provincial funding
- Thunderbird will be joining the Our Place neighbourhoods
- 26<sup>th</sup> quarterly report from Youth Matters coming up

h) Volunteer Committee

- Volunteer appreciation dinner on April 12 at Sunrise, 5:30pm

i) Board Task List

- Needs to be updated

**AJOURNED at 8:48pm**

**In-camera Executive**