

**Britannia Board Meeting
March 14, 2018**

Board Room – Information Centre

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

Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:04pm

1. Approval of Agenda

10 h) Grandview Woodland Food Community

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Annie Danilko/ John Flipse

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Feb 14, 2018

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Freya Kristensen/ Ingrid Koslteren

CARRIED

3. New Business

a) Mobi Bike Share – Briefing Note p. 8

- Docking stations will likely be in a few locations around the Britannia perimeter

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DOCKING STATIONS AT BRITANNIA, AND THAT THESE DOCKING STATIONS WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN CONSULTATION WITH STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY.

AND THAT THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT WORK WITH THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER PARK BOARD AND MOBI BIKE SHARE TO EXTEND THE BENEFITS OF BIKE SHARING TO THE LEISURE ACCESS PROGRAM, FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS.

John Flipse/ Andrew Phillips

CARRIED

b) Mother's Day Pow Wow - - Briefing Note p.9

- Expecting 500-800 people to attend
- Will run from approximately 11am-9pm
- In kind services from Britannia include staff time and resources like tables, etc
- Support from schools as well

MOTION THAT THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT SUPPORT THE MOTHER'S DAY POW WOW ORGANIZING COMMITTEE TO HOST A MOTHER'S DAY POW WOW ON SUNDAY MAY 13, 2018.

Scott Clark/ John Flipse

CARRIED

ACTION – Cynthia will send a summary to committees to decide/discuss how to be involved.

- c) Hip Hop Drop – Briefing Note p.10
 - Working group guiding the process of development of this pilot program with Community Youth Worker
 - Gang intake on the increase in the area, and this will provide new opportunities for youth to be engaged with community
 - Top notch local Aboriginal hip hop artists involved
 - Pilot project will begin April 11th, with training for staff and support on April 4th
 - Impact on neighbours important to consider
- d) 2018 Scholarships – p.11-12
 - The graduation ceremonies are important events for Britannia Board members to attend.
 - Honour to present scholarships to students who earned them.
 - Need volunteers to present the scholarships at the graduation ceremonies.

ACTION – Gwen will attend the Britannia graduation ceremony June 12th, and Naina will attend Templeton's ceremony on June 7th. Still need a volunteer for Van Tech ceremony on June 4th.

MOTION THAT THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RELEASE THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR BRITANNIA SECONDARY SCHOOL, TEMPLETON SECONDARY SCHOOL AND VANCOUVER TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL.

John Flipse/ Scott Clark

CARRIED

- e) 2018 Priorities Report Back – p.13-15
 - Planning a follow up to the successful honouring ceremony last year
 - Baby Honouring Ceremony will honour the babies, children & youth of the community
- 4. Metro Vancouver Alliance Guest** – to be rescheduled
- Limited time of Board members to be meaningfully engaged in the collation work
 - May be able to find people through committees that can attend MVA meetings to keep Britannia in the loop
 - MVA campaigns on transit, housing, health and economic justice are in line with values of Britannia
 - Advocacy committees working directly with Ministry representatives trying to hold government accountable in non-partisan ways
- 5. Old Business**
- a) Britannia Renewal – Briefing Note handout
 - Cynthia expressed thanks to the Board members for all the time they are putting in on this decision making process
 - The information provides Susanne concrete objectives to use working with the Planning & Development Committee and site partners on the Renewal

MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT APPROVE THE FACILITY AREAS OF THE BRITANNIA RENEWAL AS OUTLINED BELOW.

Craig Ollenberger/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Whereas if housing is on the site it will impact programming and community facility operations depending on a number of issues including foot print of the project, number of units, location and heights of the project, operations and management model, capital funding, financing, etc.

MOTION THAT THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REQUEST FROM THE BRITANNIARENEWAL WORKING GROUP MADE UP OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, VANCOUVER SCHOOL BAORD, THE SOCIETY, VANCOUVER PARK BOARD AND VANCOUVER PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE HOUSING CONCEPTS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON HOUSING FOR THE BRITANNIA SITE.

Craig Ollenberger/ Annie Danilko

CARRIED

b) Rink and Pool Maintenance

- Three areas of focus for improvements
- Safety: have accomplished a lot, still a few to-do tasks from WorkSafe BC inspection
- Customer satisfaction: still some complaints about cleanliness, purchasing new equipment and adding staff hours to help with improvements
- Employee satisfaction: improving now, maintenance leadership changes, now have have staff that want to work here
- A new cover has been designed for steam room sensor to prevent people putting water on it causing damage

ACTION – Peter to follow up on lockers and what can be done about there not being enough quarter lockers for everyone.

6. Correspondence Report

File circulated with a Thank you Card from VSB trustees and promotional card for Race for the Kids fundraiser

7. Partners Reports

VPB – Peter Odynsky, p.16-18

- Rink continues to work on Work Safe tasks, and noticeable improvement to ice quality
- Canada Rugby 7's tournament was a success with Team Uruguay players and Rugby BC hosting a skills development session
- Britannia and other youth programs fro other centres hosting a leadership "Diversity Camp" from March 23-25 to be held at Camp Capilano

VPL – Megan Langley p.19-20

- Kids reading to Fudge the labradoodle has been a successful program. Helpful for children that are uncomfortable reading to adults
- T'uy't'tanat-Cease Wyss has been named the 2018 Indigenous storyteller in residence at VPL. Beginning March 6 will have programming at various library

- branches through to the end of June. A launch event will be hosted at Central branch, Alice Mackay room on March 29 at 7pm.
- Keith Edwards spent many years at Britannia branch and has now moved to Access Services through Central branch.
 - Scott expressed gratitude to Britannia library staff for their help with the library and Archives Canada support and resources to help people reconnect with their roots through genealogy

VSB – Andrew Schofield

- Learning commons on the 3rd floor is being well used. An official opening event invitation will be coming soon.
- A learning life skills program for students with mild to medium intellectual difficulties will be moving to Britannia as Van Tech is full.
- Britannia Bruins have done a amazing in basketball championships with girls placing 3rd and boys placing 6th overall.
- A new film program for grade 11/12 with skill training and work experience placements to begin in the fall with the first cohort of 30 students.

8. Board Check In – no comments**9. Administrative Reports**

a) Executive Director – p.21

- Time for a new agreement with VPL and VSB shared use now that both elementary and secondary moving libraries back into schools.
- Mini Open Houses for renewal options went well and Lindsay spoke with over 150 people at three events.

b) Manager of Administration – p.22-23

- Britannia Foundation AGM to be held at the next Board meeting on April 11th
- On the agenda will be appointment of new Foundation board members, recommendations are Tom Chang, Mike Moskovich and Pamela Dudas.
- Resolutions to be passed on changes to Society Act By-Laws.

ACTION – Jeremy to look into whether we need 2/3 vote of 50%+1 on by-law changes

- Switch to VanCity is complete
- Britannia Society Audit begins next week. Board will see the audited statements in May after they go to Finance.
- Benefits changing May 1st from Blue Cross to Green Shield. Jeremy and Victoria went to training on administering benefits and all seems straight forward. No changes to benefits for staff.

c) Manager of Child Care Services – p.24

- Bargaining ongoing with BCGEU
- Cynthia expresses thanks for Rachels' hard work helping parent boards with strategic planning
- Child Care operating fund details just came out yesterday. Rachel will update at next meeting

10. Committee Reports

- a) Executive – p.25-26
- b) Finance – p.27-53
- c) Arts & Culture – p.54
- d) Seniors, Elders and Advocates (SEA) – p.55

ACTION – Board Development committee to explore mechanisms for committees to inquire about Indigenous culture and appropriateness in their areas. How to include an Elder in Residence

- e) Volunteer - p.56
 - Italian Cultural Centre donating lots of food which is getting used
 - Chat, Chop and Chew gatherings successful. Board members welcome to as volunteers.
- f) Youth Matters – p.57
 - Scott expressed thanks to Cynthia and staff for all the support
 - April 19th Youth Matters Partners Forum and EPIC Elders Gathering at Mt. Pleasant Neighbourhood House
 - 6 neighbourhoods working together to plan a forum on poverty reduction and governance
- g) Board Task List – p.58
 - Cynthia will bring recommendations approved by SEA to the Board Development Committee April meeting
 - Councillor Raymond Louie is interested in issues at Grandview Park, such as the removal of benches, etc.
 - Rachel will share updates on Provincial child care changes at April meeting
- h) Grandview Woodland Food Connection
 - Annie attended a conference with Ian Marcuse at SFU
 - SMART Fund Celebration of 20yrs
 - Annie and Ian gave a 75 min presentation on place based learning with Indigenous community
- i) Board Development
 - Reminder of AGM coming up May 23
 - Will be set up like last year as a World Café model
 - Possible to have Mike Clague as a guest speaker to highlight the story of Britannia's foundation and community decision making involved at the time
 - Special resolutions will be on the agenda with changes to the Society Act

ACTION – Andrew Schofield will talk to some students about running for the Board.

MINUTES – BOARD



ACTION - Board Development members will follow up with IB program re: student volunteers for the AGM

MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED
Scott Clark/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:43pm
John Flipse/ Annie Danilko

CARRIED