

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting March 9, 2022

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Vera Jones, Naina Varshney, Susanne Dahlin, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Ingrid Kolsteren, Sonia Massaro Craig Ollenberger, Khai Truong, Noreen Ma, Carmen Cho
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Jeremy Shier, Kathy Whittam (recording)
REGRETS: Ashki Shkur, Emily Vickery, Jacky Hughes, Stuart MacKinnon
GUESTS: Meggan Ye, Amanda Lye

Annie called meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Welcome and honouring the land - Susanna

1. **Approval of Agenda** - welcome Amanda Lye

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
Ingrid Kolsteren/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

2. **Approval of Minutes of Feb 9, 2022**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
Naina Varshney/ Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

GUEST: Amanda Lye

- Amanda joins us from Trout Lake Community Centre as our new Arts & Culture programmer
- Has worked at other centres as including Roundhouse, False Creek, and Moberly Arts
- Received her BFA at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University
- Welcome to Britannia Amanda!

GUEST: Meggan Ye

- Lives in the neighbourhood and looking for ways to be involved in community
- Board Development committee recommends appointment of Meggan through to the AGM in May

MOTION TO APPOINT MEGGAN YE TO THE BOARD.
Craig Ollenberger/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

- Welcome to the Board Meggan!

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3. New Business

Foundation for Social Change (Cynthia)

- At the planning day the Board a desire to do more for the homeless population on site
- Foundation for Social Change (FSC) has a project
- Research with UBC
- Giving direct cash to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Helps them overcome some barriers keeping them homeless
- We will be a connection point to refer individuals to the project that provides cash and supports, ie help finding housing, facing medical/ mobility issues
- Pursuing partnership due to action and desires for Britannia to do more
- We are a recreation and social site – recreation programmers, admin and accounting staff are not a natural fit for this work
- Warming centre staff are natural bridge to help people connect to this program
- Cynthia will negotiate our staff time, ability of auxiliary staff
- Once she has terms of partnership will bring full details to the Board
- This is notification that she is pursuing partnership until more details are available

Fund Development (Cynthia)

- Change some of the work of the Board
- Need for a fundraising/ fund development strategy
- Particularly around our 5 year Reconciliation In Action plan
- Board may need consider more active role in fundraising
- Part of roles and responsibility of staff to do grants, etc
- Need robust strategy
- Open to thoughts and recommendations
- Grants are a big way we get money and funding, a professional grant writer could be helpful
- Example of MOSAIC which traditionally run on 85% grant funding
- 2 years ago a department was established with 3 staff to focus on fund development staff to raise funds
- Pros and cons to this method, seeking corporate donors
- Different kind of work
- Our 5 year RIA plan requires efforts to fund appropriately to get work done to best of our ability

Sharing Our Stories Project (Cynthia)

- Comments over time is idea of awareness, ie Black History month, Lunar New Year, etc
- Tricky place that we work within diverse community
- Staff have offered to research and do stuff
- This project is to support people in community to share stories from their personal cultural experience
- Staff support for them to develop displays for the public at the pool and Info Centre
- Noreen provided skeleton used at library to share ways to promote cultural displays
- Some feel the project needs a better name
- Need to celebrate all culture of the neighbourhood
- Naina and mom doing first display for Holi
- Timely project with racist behaviour on site
- Opportunity to reflect and break stereotypes

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- Creating space for people who want to share their culture/events and authentic engagement
- Please share any potential name ideas

4. Old Business

Renewal Update (Susanne)

- Big site partner meeting on April 7
- Public engagement from April 15-May 5
- Last PDC meeting looked at rough design options of building 1 & 2
- Height, density, etc included
- Working groups for pool and fitness centre has had meetings to start narrowing down the list of needs
- Starting to look and feel a lot more real
- Looking for human scale approx. 65 ft
- More details will come for pool & fitness committee to see

5. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board

- p.11-12

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- p.13-17
- programs are expanding
- busiest registration we've had in a long time
- welcome to Amanda and many thanks to Helen for all she has done filling in all this time, and thanks to Kiel for helping too!
- Thanks to Cyn for all her work on the brochure on behalf of program team who know it requires a lot of effort to herd all their content together
- Thanks to Tom's team for having the Warming Centre open again during cold snaps
- Have a market on Mar 20th – Shine
- Danais is coordinating artists, music and food for all to enjoy the first big event in a while
- Event is followed by our Spring Equinox cafe
- West Coast Family Night moving into our gym D on Monday nights

Vancouver Public Library (Noreen Ma)

- Big announcement that Noreen has been hired as Manager of Community Development for Burnaby Library system
- Last day for Noreen is Mar 25
- Another change at the branch is Nathalie retiring, her last day is Mar 18
- has been Children's Librarian at Britannia for over 10 years and is a big part of the community
- baby story time running with registration required and proof of vax for parents
- Connecting to Kith & Kin
- Art gallery exhibits Common Wealth and East Van photos

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Vancouver School Board (Carmen Cho)

- Survey for budget
- May Board meeting is when it will be voted on
- Food framework involves food folks
- Vision for 10 year plan
- Federal potential for funds for food programs
- Anti-racism framework has advisory group meeting
- Goals and objectives
- Equity and belonging, cultural representation
- Learning and education come last on the list
- Need sense of belonging for learning to commence
- Everyone on the same page that safe environment key
- After spring break meetings back to in person
- Easier for working on deep issues
- Low participation from POC students and family
- Need to look at what we can do to have more people participate
- Thanks to Khai for keeping us updated on SOGI

7. Management Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

- p.18
- Killarney field trip was a success
- Others planned

Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

- p.19-35
- financials are preliminary year end for 2021
- Foundation met for winter meeting
- Owns the reserves that Society has generated through surpluses
- Approx. \$1.5 million
- As Board of Management you are members of the Foundation
- AGM will be at the beginning of the April Board meeting
- This is notification of the AGM
- Will be first item of Board meeting agenda
- 2 accounts – a general fund meant to be used for large capital expenditures
- Also capital renewal fund made for expenses of Society during renewal, approx. \$70,000 now
- Board can pass motions to access funds
- Jeremy will send Foundation info and double check how to access
- Statements show finished year strong with \$133,000 surplus
- Child care \$120,000 surplus, kept enrolment lower with full staff
- Recreation surplus grew a bit due to CEWS
- Still spending close to previous
- Able to offer a lot
- Strong city budget
- Next 2 weeks with KPMG audit, should be smooth this year
- Review audited statements at May Board meeting
- Thanks given to Jeremy and accounting team for all the extra hard work!

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Manager of Child Care Services

- p.36
- EDI policy development has been successful process
- Child care Boards are expected to pass policy

8. Consent Items

- Khai provided a SOGI update
- Recent news article has led to lots of hate coming in
- Brave of students to come forward
- Seeking accountability and apology
- SAAGA is looking at training for in house officers
- VSSTA meeting
- Steps happening behind the scenes
- News about SOGI policy spreading through the district
- Schools expressing solidarity
- Killarney student council looking at SOGI reps too
- Implementation will have 2 students as interim reps
- April is election for next year council
- Looking to have Indigenous representation as potential next step
- Cheers to student activism and hard work of Khai and their peers!

Courts committee

- Have been waiting a while for Board approval after presentation in January
- Committee ready to go and need a Board member as representative

MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE COURTS SKATBOARD COMMITTEE

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

- Jeremy will let Oliver know about committee approval

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at _pm

Susanne Dahlin/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

In Camera