

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting May 10, 2023

Via Zoom and Conference Room

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

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Shannon Donaghey-Antunes, Suzette Amaya, Kathy Whittam (Recording)

REGRETS: Pamela Dudas, Ashki Shkur, Stephanie Slen, Emma Xu, Jacky Hughes, Peter Odynsky, Rose Mackenzie (VSB)

Call to Order

Chair Annie Danilko called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Craig Ollenberger recognized the ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh Nations, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to do community work on this territory.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Add Annual General Meeting update

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

MOVED BY Craig Ollenberger

SECONDED BY Areila Friedmann

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 12, 2023

- Deferred to next meeting

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2022 Audited Financial Statements (J. Shier)

APPROVAL

- Review of the statement of operations
- Back in Feb presented preliminary numbers which had small surplus of \$34,000
- Increase to just below \$75,000
- \$290,000 transfer to Foundation
- Strong year exponentially, gaming grants helped with sums rolled over from 2020/21 that weren't used
- Child cares producing surplus, being reinvested in GIC's
- Need more investments

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- Reduction in AR
- Deferred contributions
- Capital assets, ie šx^wq^weləwən and child care playground, depreciate slowly over time
- Note 13 – net assets, cc surplus, great news for their programs
- Rental revenue has been down
- 5 year reconciliation reserve created in 2022
- Show deficit \$85,000, still at a surplus, would be higher
- Biggest loss was discretionary reserves, back up to \$144,973
- Clean audit this year, approved 2 weeks ago by Finance committee

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED

MOVED BY Craig Ollenberger

SECONDED BY Susanne Dahlin

ABSTAINED BY Vera Jones

CARRIED

b. Staff & Volunteer Car Share Policy (J. Shier)

APPROVAL

- Specifically useful to food security program, especially bulk buy program to help with logistics of food delivery
- Recommendation to look into hosting Modo stalls on site

MOTION TO APPROVE CAR SHARE POLICY AS PRESENTED

MOVED BY John Flipse

SECONDED BY Naina Varshney

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Changes to Society By-Laws (C. Low)

APPROVAL

- Briefing note provided
- Idea is to have flexibility to change the dates for AGM
- Change language to be consistent with Article 1 Section 1

MOTION TO CHANGE EXISTING SOCIETY BY-LAW ARTICLE 1 SECTION 1 TO: THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SOCIETIES ACT.

MOVED BY Craig Ollenberger

SECONDED BY Pat Hogan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Cedar Brushing Ceremony (C. Low)

INFORMATION

- Couple of incidents that created tension
- Went to the host nations who said this is our house, we have to take care of it
- Recommendation is to host a cedar brushing ceremony
- Traditional West Coast Salish ceremony
- Acknowledge mistakes and commitment to owning up
- Moving forward together in a good way
- Hope to host ceremony end of May
- More conversations to happen with host nations

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e. Overnight Guests (C. Low)

INFORMATION

- Briefing note provided
- New drugs in the area are more dangerous, combined with an increase in transient people on site
- More drug poisonings since January compared to all of 2022
- Many not surviving
- Historically our campus has been a safe place for homeless, not a safe place anymore
- Effecting staff, students, first responders witnessing the many overdoses, especially when right outside school
- We can't protect people, staff and students
- A shift in policy being put in place
- Hosting drug poisoning response workshops for community
- Trying to build our response and capacity to do more where we can
- Breaking the stigma of drug users
- Harm reductions we can take for community
- Working in partnership with other groups and agencies
- Discussions through networks like GWAST
- Youth finding it hard, trying to speak up and ask how to learn to help
- Security checks overnight and before school to move sleepers along off campus
- If people leave belongings behind, stuff will be picked up by COV after a 4-6 hours and then stored for a few days
- Procedure and timeline to be worked on
- Add more discussion to next agenda
- These changes are now underway as per VSB policies

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Fund Development (C. Low)

INFORMATION

- Offer being extended to a good candidate

b. 5 Year Reconciliation Plan Update (S. Amaya)

- Reports from Suzette shared
- Benches that were carved last year have been installed
- Working on building relationships across community
- Lots of good things going on at Britannia
- Fitnation – 1st time in the province to have the program in a pool
- Congratulations to Brenlee for initiative and training to bring the program to indigenous elders here at Britannia
- New summer program has a whole page on Indigenous programming
- Been appointed to COV Urban Indigenous Advisory Committee, third time on the committee
- MC'd event on Red Dress Day
- Mayor requested meeting with her to start building connection
- Renewal debrief to help discuss the process in meetings with mayor, and partner in helping find spaces for cultural needs
- BCRPA delegate, found out just how far Britannia is ahead of so many others places and communities on reconciliation work
- Symposium was on Front Line of Change
- Thank you for diversity and inclusion work already done here at Britannia!

BREAK

7:30pm

5. PARTNERS' REPORTS

- a. Vancouver Park Board (S. Donaghey-Antunes)
 - Programmers working hard on summer programming
 - Tax clinic was busy with over 400 people helped by volunteers
 - SHINE event successful thanks to lots of work from staff
 - New pool programmer Danny Hui
 - Space is at a premium around here, at capacity for programs and storage
 - Great experience with the community filling in for Peter over past few weeks
 - Difficult situations to contend with
 - Check out Simon James while he's working in ƛxʷqʷeləwən – received a Community Award from BC Achievement Foundation
 - Thinking of impromptu celebration for him

- b. Vancouver Public Library (R. Gatley)
 - Transition begins to summer programming over next month
 - Story times end next week and will restart in July
 - Librarians do a lot of school visits in June, promote summer reading club which starts Jun 19
 - Theme for events this year – journey through time
 - Inspired by time capsule opened this year at Britannia branch
 - Influenced programming all over province
 - Examples are Pokeman character party
 - Teen challenge will be more online, featuring Last of Us – library edition
 - ESL chat lessons have been really popular and have to turn people away
 - Looking for other spaces to grow into
 - Connecting Kith & Kin have found effective way to support hybrid online/in-person
 - Have to stay in library to access genealogy database
 - Staff changes are that Adrienne moved to Central and Deanna filling in, and Vernon acting at another branch
 - Meeting room discussions on how to book it
 - May 20 public consult on Art Gallery space in library
 - Will be cooling centre when heat waves come

- c. Vancouver School Board (M. Lafluer)
 - Summer planning with Peter and Tom
 - Youth employment opportunities
 - Partnership with skateboard committee was amazing!
 - Britannia students built & designed a ramp for the courts
 - Students excited to contribute
 - Can see pictures on the Britannia Courts Instagram
 - Organizing a skate lesson day
 - New equipment just landed in her office
 - Graduation and prom upcoming
 - Students have received national scholarships covering tuition
 - Britannia Support Society has annual fundraising gala coming up Jun 1, all proceeds go towards student programs

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6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- a. Executive Director
 - Was away for vacation, otherwise most work is supporting big pieces with team
 - Undertaking 2 significant reviews – Child Care Hub and Art Gallery
 - Special events and program planning
- b. Manager of Administrative Services (C. Low on behalf of J. Shier)
 - Jeremy is happy with our direction in first quarter
 - Working on child care bargaining with Jacky
- c. Manager of Child Care Services (C. Low on behalf of J. Hughes)
 - Collective bargaining with BCGEU right now
 - Preparing parent boards of child care societies for negotiating
 - Three separate societies to work with
 - Planning annual professional development day for teams to learn together
 - Child Care Hub review
 - Ingrid may attend June Board meeting to provide updates
- d. Manager of Operational Change
 - Regalia making has been successful with families and intergenerational gathering
 - Important partnership with indigenous organizations such as Vancouver Native Health
 - Pow wow drums bringing healing
 - Haida nation want to do button blanket making here
 - Community sees our site as welcoming
 - Not just recreational activities
 - Tracy bringing families in for lunch series in May

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- Board Development
 - Challenges to AGM in May
 - Timing of Board election, last meeting before summer break
 - Staff working to build areas and committees
 - Committees are very active, not all have board reps
 - September have to work to build energy and motivation
 - Talk is to change AGM to Sept or other time
 - After we change by-laws finally opens options for us
 - Need to work with staff on timeline – some times more challenging for AGM such as audit time, seasonal registration
 - Some procedures need to change if we alter timelines
- Thanks to Oliver and Skateboard committee for all the good work at SHINE event and with students!

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

MOVED BY Naina Varshney

SECONDED BY Craig Ollenberger

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8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 8:33PM

MOVED BY Naina Varshney

SECONDED BY John Flipse

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY