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Britannia Board Meeting May 12, 2021

Via Conference Call - Zoom

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Vera Jones, Naina Varshney, Susanne Dahlin, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Ingrid Kolsteren, Freya Kristensen, John Morra, Craig Ollenberger, Ashki Shkur, Khai Truong Li Mei Yip, Noreen Ma, Stuart MacKinnon

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Jacky Hughes, Peter Odynsky, Teka Everstz, Kathy Whittam (recording)

REGRETS: Carmen Cho

GUESTS: Lorraine Evans, Randi Gurholt-Seary, Monica Van Schaik, Vasi Petoussis, Michelle Chenoweth, Robert Lee, Aaron Innes

Annie called meeting to order at 6:07pm

Welcome and land acknowledgement

1. Approval of Agenda

- add Scholarships

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMMENDED

John Flipse/ Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of Apr 14, 2021

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS AMENDED

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Farren Gillaspie

CARRIED

3. Old Business

Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update (Susanne Dahlin)

- Meetings continue every Friday with City staff
- Take agenda back and address some of our issues
- Changed format so meetings are more interactive
- Opportunity for engagement with school, students, families
- Stakeholder representatives
- Stronger vision for what VSB part looks like and how there are good opportunities
- Need higher level of government to see value of investment in this community
- Community and indigenous potential, everyone passing UNDRIP but no actions yet, potential here for us
- Needs of students – not just metal shop, etc
- Envision more clearly what we want to do as partners
- Phasing strategy for buildings identified as a problem
- Need community spaces urgently as proven by Covid times
- Also bring forward phasing of Building 4 for school
- Renewal should be exciting for community, we need to build enthusiasm
- Housing issue has weighed many people down

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- Intention of Building 4 has not been communicated to VSB as they worry about it being underground
- Though elementary playground on roof, that is to level it with the elementary school, and shops etc in building below would be ground level with lots of light
- Britannia Housing Consultation draft shared
- Renewal working group crafted questions for community consultation
- Need to ask the question if people want housing at all
- First part – how people feel and what concerns are
- Second part is what kind of housing would be ok
- Is there a scale the community would be ok with?
- Visual perspective we've asked for – what would it look like from northwest corner of site, etc
- Then ensure the city respects what community wishes
- Need Board support for grassroots

MOTION TO APPROVE QUESTIONS SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD BRINGING TO CITY AND PARTNERS

John Flipse/ Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

- Send concerns on the list to Craig who will make revisions
- Draft – idea to move forward with and add to it
- Need perspective ie how many units above Hastings?
- What kind of housing? Seniors, families
- Doesn't look like City wants market housing, no appetite in community for it
- Who's definition of affordable? City vs ours
- We need to define our terms and up to us to think outside the box
- Offering ideas such as housing for indigenous elders
- Things that meet community needs as well
- Introduction of Kiel, temporary communication assistant to help with community engagement for Britannia renewal on our end, also supporting Britannia Art Gallery
- Parents concern over who would be looking down on their kids every day
- Looking for ways to engage students ie in socials classes
- September expect full time we can do more
- Get survey to teachers to share with students

5. Britannia Child Care Presentation

- Staff from the Britannia Preschool and Out of School Care shared a presentation of our child care history at Britannia
- Britannia Preschool opened in 1976 with 80 children, 20 in the "latch key" program now known as OSC
- Child care and development was built into this place as part of original plan, not an after thought
- Access to all parts of the community, library, school, recreation facilities
- Friction – had to work together to ensure needs met
- Shared resources and ideas
- Britannia is ever evolving, empowered to keep doing new things to help kids thrive
- Stories of kids who have grown into amazing adults
- Summary of benefits of our community centre surrounded by community partners
- Parent feedback full of praise

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- Program keeps growing, food events, ORCA
- Partnerships for great experiences on site and around town
- Fulfilling the vision started decades ago
- Testimonials from parents and former kids in programs
- Vision for Britannia Child Care guiding principles
- Recognition by name on the renewal project
- Presentation gives us added inspiration for renewal importance
- Thank you to presenters for reminding us of the rich history, 45 years, and the mandate built upon
- Will raise with the city the importance of child care integrated into renewal
- Stay true to community grassroots, space for children everywhere on site
- Important for it to remain *Britannia* child care, not just any child care

3. Old Business (continued)

Annual General Meeting (Pamela Dudas)

- Provincial Health Orders changed again, can't have in person portion to the meeting, all has to be online
- Reach out to those who can't be online to see how we can them participate by phone or find means for them
- Phone votes won't be confidential as staff will have to help record
- Survey monkey ballot will be sent out by email
- 6pm start – register online
- Still need a couple of more board members
- Susanne, Pamela, Vera, Khai and Ashki have agreed to step up for another term
- Thanks to Li Mei and Freya who have given so much of their time, skill and energy over many years of helping on the board and various committees

4. New Business

Scholarships (Jeremy Shier)

- Briefing note circulated
- Should review to make sure scholarships are keeping up with inflation
- Add to November budget agenda

MOTION THAT THE BOARD RELEASE \$8500 FOR THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BRITANNIA SECONDARY, TEMPLETON AND VANCOUVER TECHNICAL

Pamela Dudas/ Susanne Dahlin

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2020 Audited Financial Statements (Jeremy Shier)

- p. 5-24
- Jeremy shared highlights from final audited statements for 2020
- Focus on changes made since draft shared earlier
- 317,000 increase in cash assets due to investments going down and moving to Foundation
- Transferring GIC's as the came up to cash
- Final CEWS claim for the year
- Foundation did better than expected
- Deferred contributions, grant funded program registration, revenue we take in

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- Issue around CEWS claims for child care meant transferring of assets to accrued liability
- Sorting out with CRA
- Net assets due to large surplus
- Thanks to Jeremy for all his work on CEWS and managing everything through this time
- Thanks to all the work of accounting team!

MOTION TO ACCEPT AUDITED STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED

John Flipse/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

6. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board (Stuart MacKinnon)

- p.25-27
- Thank Britannia and Park Board staff who haven't had a break
- Heroic work to keep showing up
- People are what makes this place amazing
- Board members volunteering their time
- Child care presentation was amazing and highlights why Britannia child care is so important
- Pre-teen centre and pre-teen programming is important age group left out all over the place
- Big news when aquarium was bought by American company
- Strathcona camp has pushed work on housing for all
- Asked for multi-jurisdiction approach which is what worked
- 2nd reading in legislature on liquor law changes for municipalities to sanction alcohol in parks
- Vancouver has an elected park board who had to amend legislation for trial of alcohol in parks to start this summer
- Change in bike lanes in Kitslano to help bottleneck between Burrard and Point Grey
- Craig thanked Stuart for his continued efforts to push for campers to be treated humanely and trying to keep them from being moved along again and again
- Camil picked up the burden as chair in past year ½
- Believe in dignity for everyone
- Picnic tables back in Grandview Park!

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- p. 28-30
- Drop ins cut for now due to PHO restrictions
- Staff still amazing in dealing with patrons and community using the facilities
- Reduced capacity and constant changes handled with eloquence and professionalism
- Britannia 45th birthday celebration coming up
- Briefing note including regarding new policy for no shows at facility bookings
- Pool & Fitness committee recommend we follow park board standards on this

MOTION THAT BRITANNIA ADAPT AND IMPLEMENT STANDARD PROCESS AROUND NO SHOWS FOR THE LIMITED DROP IN SPOTS FOR CONSISTENCY FOR STAFF AND TO INCREASE AVAILABLE SPOTS FOR ALL USERS

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John Flipse/ Pamela Dudas

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- Food depot is coming to an end this month
- Staff & volunteer social being organized which will include celebration of Ian for his retirement
- Many thanks to Ian for all his work during his years here! Exceptional food advocate and has accomplished a lot here with us
- Board will send him a letter to thank him for his dedication

Vancouver Public Library (Noreen Ma)

- Library expanded hours and open 7 days a week
- In April hosted a Tea-rex party online for kindergarten-grade 4, and 15 families participated in the fun
- Story times going well, and also doing facebook live time
- Connection to Kith & Kin spring session under way
- Ingrid Petro is filling in as children's librarian for Nathalie who is on leave until October
- Shevonne has finished nursing school and is now doing COVID vaccination shots
- Khai and Todd have beautiful work up in the Art Gallery

Vancouver School Board (Ron Scott)

- Overall positive vibe in the school
- Next year we expect to be back full time with two semesters
- Refurbished outside classrooms
- Grad happening in school in the gym this year with pictures being done outside
- Parents not allowed in the school
- Community education doing what we can under PHO, working with Tom & Peter to offer fun stuff where we can

7. Management Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

- p. 31
- Mothers Day event delivered over 550 meals to shelters and drop in centres
- Included meal, chocolates, items made by the craft collective and flowers

Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

- p. 32-48
- financials look good so far for the year

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

- p. 49-50
- thanks to the Britannia child care staff for their amazing presentation
- their story and history needs to keep moving forward and impact decision making
- equity, diversity and inclusion consultant for 8 months to help
- policy development
- government has great initiative to top up wages
- parents fees drop by 50% by 2022
- more \$10/hour spaces opening
- thanks to child care staff and advocates for continued pressure that creates change

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8. Consent Items

- p. 51-57
- also deferred reports from April 14
- Reminder for Anti Racism Anti Oppression committee meeting tomorrow at 6pm

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Ingrid Kolsteren/ Susanne Dahlin

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MOTION TO ADJOURN at 9:08pm

Susanne Dahlin/ Naina Varshney

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Board In Camera