

**Britannia Board Meeting
November 8, 2017**

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Ingrid Kolsteren, Annie Danilko, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Jaiden Simmons, John Flipse, Scott Clark, Megan Langley, Stuart MacKinnon, Scott Clark, Freya Kristensen
STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Rachel Day, Victoria Haenel
GUESTS: Diana Guenther
REGRETS: Andrew Phillips, Levi Higgs, Vera Jones, Peter Odynsky, Craig Ollenberger, Andrew Schofield

Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:05pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Additions to Agenda;
New Business
a) Whistleblowing Policy
b) Britannia Christmas Dinner
Committees;
SEA
Pool & Fitness
Planning & Development

Correction to Guest Diana Guenther; on Agenda as “Diane Guenther” and should read as Diana Guenther

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
Ingrid Kolsteren/Scott Clark**

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2017

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES
John Flipse/Scott Clark**

CARRIED

3. Guests

Diana Guenther – Community Youth Worker
20 years in youth community development
Very pleased to be at Britannia as Britannia does genuine community development work
It is a new position to Britannia and Diana will be working together with the youth team in defining goals and role responsibilities and clarity

4. New Business

- a) Whistleblowing Policy Update

MOTION THAT BRITANNIA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ADOPT THE UPDATED WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY.

Scott Clark/Freya Kristensen

CARRIED

- b) Britannia Christmas Dinner

Tentative plans; Wednesday December 6th at the Portuguese Club of Vancouver
\$10/staff & \$15/guests, details coming shortly

MOTION TO HOST THE BRITANNIA CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE PORTUGUESE CLUB OF VANCOUVER ON DECEMBER 6TH

Annie Danilko/Freya Kristensen

CARRIED

5. Old Business

- a) Planning Day

- November 19th – set 2018 Priorities
- Appreciation to the Board Development Committee & guests
- Brief handed out during meeting with goals and there will be focus on the Renewal
- Priorities:
 - Will look at new models of partnership agreements and local decision making
 - Accountability Pledge – have signed and pledged but now how do we actually do it?
 - Communications are always key and we now have a dedicated Communications Assistant
 - Making LAP even more accessible
 - Increase the visibility of our free programs
 - Enhance and maintain subsidy levels while also ensuring they are sustainable
 - Reconciliation, engage staff more, continue to keep it an agenda item at meetings

- b) 2018 Fee Increases

Board approved in principle, the 2018 Fee increases and it has since been approved by the Finance and Pool & Fitness Committees

- c) Renewal

- 25 Consultations to date, plus several staff consultations
- November 9th – ½ day Partners' feedback meeting
- PDC Principles- Susanne will be presenting them at the Board Planning Day
- Consultants will also be sharing results at the Board Planning Day
- Proposed day for public feedback meeting – November 30th (to be confirmed)
- 2018 – COV to determine budget proposals and consider phases of renewal
- February 2018 – should have a solid idea of programming and phases of renewal

6. Partners Reports

VPB – Stuart Mackinnon

- September and October Reports emailed to Board and hard copies made available at meeting.
- Fees: hopes to move fees from “2yrs & under” to “3yrs & under” with the intention of gradually increasing the free access age up to “5yrs & under”
- Increase number of Park Rangers – has been referred back to staff, due to lack of information such as clarity of roles & responsibilities, budget. Currently 6 FT Park Rangers
- Approved in Principle – Jericho Pier
- Approved in Principle- granting of land in South Vancouver for a Senior Centre at Sunset CC
- Joint Operating Agreements continue to be a focus; 9 of 18 have signed
- VPB reports to come: VanSplash and East Van Connector
- New Liaison to Britannia – Carrie Bercic
- Picnic Tables in Grandview Park – no responses yet

VPB – Peter, p.8-11

- 55+ Seniors’ Advisory Committee, raised \$3,000 to date for the Ashcroft community through craft sales
- Sukkot – very successful event, 110 people participated, beautiful space and very positive feedback
- Appreciation to Ian Marcuse for all of his hard work and commitment to food accessibility for all

VPL – Megan Langley, p.12-13

- Ariel connecting with Brit Secondary students and as a result, the Teen Advisory Group is growing
- Working with the VSB to move the library books to Brit Secondary (old staff room)
- Elementary school section will stay at VPL
- Recruiting for next Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence

VSB – n/a

7. Board Check In – no comments

8. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – p.14

Manager of Administration – p.15-16

Manager of Child Care Services – p.17

- Professional Development Day – Friday Nov 10th Gym D, 70+ child care staff
- Budget work ongoing
- Appreciate from Cynthia to Jeremy and Rachel for their work in the BCGEU wage opener

9. Committee Reports & Consent Agenda

- Foundation Update – meeting set for November 22n with Doug Hiller, Jeremy and VanCity to move forward with investment updates
- Footie Transition plan is moving forward
- Board Vacancy – Naina Varshney has been put forward by the Board Development Committee for the vacant position until the 2018 AGM at which time she can run in the election.

MOTION: TO APPOINT NAINA VARSHNEY TO FILL THE VACANT BOARD POSITION UNTIL THE 2018 AGM.

Scott Clark/Annie Danilko

CARRIED

- Volunteer Committee participated in a team building event by volunteering at the Food Bank, had a great turnout for the Halloween Howl with over 20+ volunteers and the implementation of the new volunteer software Better Impact is going well.
- Pool & Fitness Committee – feel like they were not consulted appropriately in regards to the Renewal
- SEA – completed a community Art Grant application, planning more Art drop-in times and around Renewal, concerns that there will NOT be a 55+ centre in the new Britannia
- Youth Matter Committee
 - Reconciliation video production project at Britannia ongoing
 - VPB hub meeting with Ray Cam, Britannia and Strathcona to be held on Dec 2nd
 - Youth Matter working group going strong and currently 2 coop students working with the YM Committee
 - Next RIA event is being hosted in January 2018
 - REACH has moved back to Commercial Dr and YM is pushing to allocate 3 suites for vulnerable youth and/or single parent families
 - Governance conference to be held in February 2018
 - The Inner City Elders Gatherings are gaining interest

MOTION TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED

Freya Kristensen/John Flipse

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:30pm

Susanne Dahlin/Juan Carlos Maldonado

CARRIED