

**Britannia Board Meeting  
October 10, 2018**

**Board Room – Information Centre**

**PRESENT:** Scott Clark, Ingrid Kolsteren, John Flipse, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Craig Ollenberger, Andrew Phillips, Naina Varshney, Megan Langley, Stuart Mackinnin, Levi Higgs, Juan Carlos Moldonado  
**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Victoria Haenel  
**REGRETS:** Annie Danilko, Freya Kristensen, Gwen Giesbrecht,

**Board meeting called to order at 6:10**

**1. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA as amended**

**Naina Varshney/Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

Move Stuart's VPB report to #3 after approval of minutes

**2. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2018**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

**Naina Varshney/Levi Higgs**

**CARRIED**

**3. VPB – Stuart Mackinnon**

Acknowledgments and appreciation to the work the Britannia Board, its volunteers and staff do with and for the community.

**4. Old Business**

East Van Votes

Organized 4 events which were very well attended (Britannia, Strathcona and Raycam)

RIA/Youth Matters

- Youth Matter round table was very well attended
- RIA witnessing ceremony, a lovely ceremony
- Critical incident during the RIA event, community member suffered a heart attack and did not survive
- Remainder of the event was cancelled at 4:45pm, family and community are being supported with culturally relevant activities
- Staff attending have had debrief and impacts on staff and volunteers; guidelines will be developed to support staff and volunteers and community after critical situations
- Appreciation to Peter & staff on site

2019 Priorities Planning

- Sunday November 25 8:30-4:30pm
- Survey being sent out to staff for feedback and input
- Board members to discuss priorities with their respective committees
- All information compiled will build on the survey sent out
- Cynthia will connect with VPL and VSB partners

## 5. New Business

### Britannia Pow Wow

- Very successful 1 day event in May 2018 (Traditional Mother's Day Pow Wow)
- Thoughts are now to consider having a 1 day Britannia Pow Wow, which is already endorsed by both the elementary and secondary schools
- Planning still in process with a tentative date of Monday April 29
- Idea to get kids credit for working and/or participating in the event

### Youth Governance Forum

How to engage youth to help organize next event at a neighbourhood governance level

### Britannia Renewal

- Andrew Phillips to co-chair the Planning and Development Committee (PDC) with Susanne Dahlin
- Meetings have been very well attended
- Committee has reviewed the report presented to PB and City Council and have identified issues that need addressing;
- Need to continue to push Britannia's agenda with the City
- Need to continue to work on issues such as housing and VSB
- Rethink the way we are consulting, need more feedback from Board members
- COV has verbally agreed that PDC will be at the table therefore need to hire another consultant for the next phases
- Look at development permit process
- Cynthia recommends hosting a housing discussion to look at what Council has passed and be prepared to send new information from our community – recommends hosting at the end of November 2018

### Youth Incentive Program

- Brief handed out during meeting
- Was a successful youth leadership and development program that was at Britannia from 2003 - 2011
- Youth from the community were provided incentives and opportunities to engage their community, develop life skills, gain skills and experience that benefited their resumes and take ownership of their role at the community centre and community
- Funding was lost 8yrs ago and over the past year
- youth team have been meeting to redefine and recommit to key values, principles and objectives for youth services here at Britannia. YIP has been identified as a program that has not been replaced by anything similar and the outcomes and objectives were still relevant and much needed
- YIP achieves the following;
  - Recognizes the value of youth in centre programs and creating space for them;
  - Empowers and legitimizes youth for their voice and their input into the community;

- Creates a pool of community youth with the skills and ability to help fill some of the needed roles, and;
- Develop a pool of employable community individuals for our expansion over the next 10 years.
- Recommendation will be brought to the Finance and Executive Committee, that the Board direct staff to budget \$30,000 annually towards a Britannia Youth Incentive Program, if necessary management will pursue grant funding.

## 6. Correspondence Report & Break

## 7. Partners' Report

### VPB – Peter, p.9-11

- Marie Beesley – new Pool & Fitness Centre programmer; brings lots of strong skills and experience in aquatics)
- Rink – in the process of planning the installation of a CO2 mechanical system to replace the current ammonia system; will be a pilot project for COV and training location for future rink staff
- Mawi Bagon has moved from the Sport & Fitness programming position to Sunset community centre
- Lori Moretto has come back to cover the position while a new programmer is being hired
- Jenny Yu is Acting Programmer II at Roundhouse CC, covering a maternity leave
- Youth Extravaganza – approx. 150 youth attended

### VPL – Megan

- Children's librarian – Nathalie, attended the DTEs Pow Wow at Oppenheimer Park, Lord Nelson's Meet the Teacher night and hosted a parent drop-in at the Aboriginal Friendship Centre
- The Senior Library Public Service Associate presented a Tech Café program at Britannia Lodge, an assisted living mental health care facility on Victoria Drive
- The branch presented a one-off Mobile Device Essentials program over 3 Saturdays. The program was presented by VPL programming staff and focused on helping participants learn to better use their iOS (iPhone/iPad) devices
- On Sept 4, The Teen Services librarian was invited to speak to 120 incoming grade 8 students (plus teachers, support staff and administrators) in tandem with Britannia Secondary's new Teacher-Librarian.

## 8. Board Check-in

Board would like to see representation from the VSB (including Community Education) at monthly meetings, Scott will send a letter of request  
Staff Christmas party – scheduled for Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>, details to come

## 9. Administration Reports

### Executive Director – Cynthia p.12

- Attended staff in-service
- Supported Weaving Our Cultures Together community consultation
- Supported East Van Votes organizing committee
- Met with Child Care Hub to present BCGEU draft Collective Agreement

- Convened meeting with VSB departments to discuss collaborative and coordinated programming for šxʷqʷeləwən ct

## **Manager of Administrative – p. 13-14**

### **Manager for Child Care Services – p.15**

Focus is still on HR, shortage of staff so hiring is ongoing  
Ratified by membership – BCGEU bargaining is complete  
Phil Bouvier CC – closing operations, 49 child care spaces no longer in the community  
MacDonald Elementary school working to see if gaps can be supported  
MCFD & COV purchased Central City Foundation, interested in taking on the management of the program and reopen 89 child care seats

## **10. Consent Items**

### **Committee Reports**

a) Finance Committee

**MOTION TO NOMINATE KPMG FOR THE 2019 AUDIT**

**John Flipse/Craig Ollenberger**

**CARRIED**

b) Arts & Culture Committee

Community Carving at šxʷqʷeləwən ct – different ages, indigenous and settlers, good feeling and sharing of tools – very positive event with a Squamish elder leading a traditional opening

## **11. Discussion from Consent Items**

**MOTION TO RECEIVE REPORTS AS PRESENTED**

**Craig Ollenberger/ John Flipse**

**CARRIED**

## **12. Adjournment**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:35PM**

**Craig Ollenberger/ John Flipse**

**CARRIED**