

**Britannia Board Meeting**

**October 12, 2016**

**Board Room – Information Centre**

**PRESENT:** Gwen Giesbrecht, John Flipse, Ingrid Kolsteren, Levi Higgs, Craig Ollenberger, Madgen Liao, Sarah Ng, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Susanne Dahlin, Ye Chu, Freya Kristensen, Aaron Giesbrecht

**STAFF:** Peter Odynsky, Cynthia Low, Victoria Haenel

**REGRETS:** Tyrus Tracey, Brendan Boylan, Scott Clark, Craig Smith

**ABSENT:** Beth Davies, Andrew Schofield,

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President at 6:10pm

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

John Flipse/Levi Higgs

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14th MEETING**

Ingrid Kolsteren/Freya Kristensen

**CARRIED**

**3. New Business**

Committees – p.7-9

- Youth Matters Committee on p.9 – originally called Youth Matters Working Committee
- Committee lists still to be provided – 55+ and Youth Committee
- Board members are needed for the Rink, Pool & Fitness, Volunteer, Community Education and 55+ committees
- Meetings dates/times will be circulated to the Board so members can decide which committees interest them and that they are able to commit too.

**MOTION TO RECEIVE LIST OF COMMITTEES AS PRESENTED**

Ingrid Kolsteren/Aaron Giesbrecht

**CARRIED**

**4. Old Business**

- a) Board Task List - review of list on p.10
  - Renewal RFP for consultation project is complete, successful candidate to be notified next week.

- Susanne & Cynthia met with COV to review status & process updates.
  - PDC to consider presenting to VSB staff at Britannia as many staff don't know where the process is at.
- b) Board Planning Day - November 27<sup>th</sup> 9-4pm
- c) RIA - September 27th
- Great success for community, high attendance.
  - Goal was to engage youth and school population – more youth attended and stayed on site for the event, less success with the school population likely due to complications about school closures and curriculum.
  - 2017 – September 26<sup>th</sup> – committee will work to provide information to teachers in June 2017 for better planning.
  - Britannia hosted staff in-service with RIA focus and guest Brad Marsden with really positive feedback and impactful.
- d) Carving Pavilion
- Glazing has been complete
  - Hope to have funding for a Coast Salish Cap decorative piece as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> legacy.
  - Naming ceremony to be scheduled for May or June to finalize the project.

## 5. Partners Reports

VPB – p.11-14

- RIA & Staff training were a big focus.
- Team working on 2017 budgets.
- RISE committee – Inner City HUB and COV partnership.
- Youth Extravaganza was a huge success.
- Stuart MacKinnon is Britannia's new liaison and looking forward to attending future meetings.
- All community centres with the exception of Britannia and Ray-Cam are currently working on JOA (Joint Operating Agreements).

VPL – p.15-17

## 6. Guest Speakers

Stephanie Angel- Garay (Latin American Youth Programmer) and Victor Martinez Aja (VLACC Vancouver Latin American Cultural Centre)

Stephanie – works with local youth 3-4 times per week in various activities such as soccer, indoor soccer, cooking, art, leadership and outings. They also use art as a positive way to engage at risk youth to help them connect with their Latin American identity. The programs not only help newcomers adapt to Canada but also those born here to connect with their own culture.

VLACC in partnership with Britannia – Britannia is supporting them by providing programming space and a work station & home base for staff. East Vancouver and the Drive is the heart of the Latin American Community. Latin American community is the fastest growing community in Vancouver and the youngest with the average age between 15-25yrs. There is a high demand

for Arts to connect with the LA culture – visual (film), culinary, music & dance. Arts help connect youth back to their roots, especially for 3<sup>rd</sup> generations who may encounter language barriers with their elders.

VLACC is taking a long term planning approach to ensure successful longevity as there have been 4 previous attempts which had varying degrees of success but ultimately closed. The goal is to develop partnerships together for everyone's benefit and grow together. Funding comes from a variety of sources – grants (COV, Province of BC, Canadian Heritage), donations, sponsorships as well as through hosting special events such as a jazz concert at the Playhouse.

## 8. Committee Reports

### a) Executive p.18-19

Amended Executive minutes handed-out to include the following Motion;

*“MOTION: FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENSURING THAT THE NECESSARY STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF REVIEW, RECLASSIFICATION AND FILLING OF ALL VACANT STAFF POSITIONS.*

*John Flipse/Susanne Dahlin*

*CARRIED”*

Voting breakdown:

In Favour: Susanne, John and Gwen

Against: Scott

Abstained: Ingrid (due to conflict of interest)

### b) Finance p20-22

Statements p23-48

As presented, no questions.

### c) Arts & Culture p.52

- Good attendance to October meeting
- Noticing that attendance to Art Gallery openings are increasing
- Working with Brit Secondary on the Craft Fair (Nov 19-20<sup>th</sup>) and will be jurying potential artisans.

### d) Youth Matters

- Meeting notes handed-out.
- RIA debrief – lack of understanding of what community-driven programming.
- Britannia inclusion/RISE participation.
- Leisure Access Program & Subsidy – refine and align with Society values not PB.
- Draft of Committee mandate circulated for review and feedback.
- Salish Honoring Ceremony suggested for February 2017
- RIA 2017 – September 26, 2017

### e) Board Development p.52

- Board Finance Training – October 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm

- Survey handed out to Board members for input in to Board Planning day.
- Recommendation to ensure a “check-in” either after the break or each item to ensure all board members will be comfortable speaking up.
- Board members should also be mindful of how much time they are using, keep comments concise and leave out editorial comments so everyone has time to speak and not prolong the meeting unnecessarily.

f) Planning & Development p.53

## 9. Administrative Reports

- Executive Director p.54  
Kickstand is now its own society.
- Manager of Administrative Services p.55-56
  - Surplus YTD \$179,376 (increase of \$11,925), more expenses will be coming over Fall, surplus will decrease by year-end.
  - The new Annual Surplus Policy will also decrease the surplus with the donation to the Foundation.
  - COV budget – on target.
  - Expense planning with recreation staff to make most of the budget.
  - Community Contribution (\$5,000) towards ECE training of 45 parents in community.
  - Gen 7 will be changed to RISE
  - Fee for Service Budget is better aligned than 2015.
  - HR – Volunteer Coordinator position decision will be going to the Executive Committee for approval.
  - Facilities – Pool & Rink maintenance closures successful.
- Manager of Child Care Services p.57
  - Craig organized a board of governance training for all Child Care board in the HUB.
  - 15 board members attended
  - HR – managing the sub-list very time intensive.

### **MOTION TO RECEIVE REPORTS AS PRESENTED**

John Flipse/Craig Ollenberger

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Aaron Geisbrecht/John Flipse

**CARRIED**

**Executive – In Camera**