

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting Sep 8, 2021

Via Conference Call - Zoom

PRESENT: Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Naina Varshney, Susanne Dahlin, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Vera Jones, Ingrid Kolsteren, John Morra, Craig Ollenberger, Ashki Shkur, Khai Truong, Emily Vickery, Carmen Cho

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

REGRETS: Ariela Friedmann, Alec MacInnes, Ron Scott, Noreen Ma, Stuart MacKinnon

GUESTS: Lisa Zhu, Monica Bennington, Matthew Halverson, Max Richter, Shauna Bryce, Danica Djurkovic

Annie called meeting to order at 6:07pm

Welcome and land acknowledgement

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
Susanne Dahlin/ Emily Vickery

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2021

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED
Emily Vickery/ Pat Hogan

CARRIED

3. Renewal Update

Guests: Monica Bennington, Matthew Halverson, Max Richter, Shauna Bryce, Danica Djurkovic

- Adjusting intentions, re-evaluate public engagement, due to covid
- Sense of unease with city and consultants, selective reporting of activities and data
- Opportunity to reset and make sure we do things to best of our ability
- Shifting into Sep-Oct activities
- Excitement about things opening up again
- All of this information is available on the Shape Your City web site
- 1 – site wide program questions, ie why only one rink?
 - this event will be in person, open house style
- 2 - B-lab drop-ins
 - space to review technical aspects of housing
 - conversations happening at the partners table that will impact technical side of buildings such as height, etc
 - no visuals at this point, these sessions provide a casual opportunity to inquire
- 3 – B-lab drop-in where people can review materials, etc
- Board members feeling frustration when talking to community due to no answers re: housing, and sense that people losing faith in its potential
- To be clear, the community facilities are the priority for the development
- Recreation and programming for site are key
- Housing will be an add on

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- If needs of facility buildings make up 3-4 floors of each building, there's no room for housing
- Want to spend more time to focus on discussion on what is important and do this proper, not too fast
- Reviewing how things will work with covid vaccination card – events may be able to happen in person
- Once everyone is happy with recreation and community elements, then we'll see how potential housing could fit in
- Discussion with VSB to clarify needs in the renewal
- Late Sept is the next site partner meeting
- Different stress points for each area
- Community wants to see what this will all look like, need to generate options
- Plans to have materials ready for sharing by Jan/Feb
- Funding will have to come from Provincial and Federal for some aspects of the renewal.
- With covid being ongoing, we need phase 5 done sooner than later as it is important building for the community, ie with kitchens, gathering space, etc
- Discussing child care needs and a Child and Family Deveopment model
- Pros vs cons of ground level vs roof top options
- Trying to create the space in one building for family needs – instead of silos of programming
- Social and cultural hub also needs shared understanding
- Just as important as what spaces we will have is also how the spaces are used

4. Old Business

Restart (Peter)

- We've been in stage 3 for summer, and phased approach to step 4 in September
- Programming starts up on Monday
- Pool, fitness centre and rink are all back to drop in, nno more need to pre-book sessions
- Pivoted a bit with mask mandate and vaccine card
- Most sports and active programs – covid card required
- Need two vaccinations by Oct 21
- Recreation is not considered essential
- Staff and volunteers not required to have card to work, based on type of participation
- Thank you to Peter and his team who worked so hard to get programs in place for the fall season
- Library is essential so exempt from vaccination card, and so is food distribution

Board Planning Day (Pamela)

- Potential dates are Nov 27 and 28
- ACTION: Kathy will send save the date to Board members

Donations (Cynthia)

- Briefing note p.10
- Board decided to match donations
- Staff ended up raising \$2000
- The money for Board projects has not been spent

MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RELEASE \$3849 FROM THE 2021 BOARD PROJECTS BUDGET FOR DONATIONS TO THE INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS SOCIETY AND LYTTON FIRE RELIEF FUND

Naina Varshney/ Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

5. New Business

Community Resilience Celebrations (Cynthia)

- Briefing note p. 11-12
- Planning to celebrate recovery
- Some activities are important
- Sep 30, Orange Shirt Day – walk from VAFS to Grandview Park
- Oct 1 – youth event
- Workshops on reclaiming names
- Pow Wow in discussion for potential event with West Coast nights organizers

6. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board (Stuart MacKinnon)

- p.13-14

Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- p.15-19
- a lot of getting ready for fall
- end of September begin plan for winter
- been so busy reacting to circumstances and changing environments
- opportunity to do a program audit
- looking for storage is a big challenge
- budget 2022 conversations have begun
- activating the 55+ Centre and Teen Centre
- pool closed until after Thanksgiving
- Ruth is doing remarkable job learning everything and taking over the role and doing outreach
- Need to acknowledge Helen Spaxman for her ability to help us with seamless transition and maintenance of Arts & Culture programs and services between programmers and all of her support during covid challenges!

Vancouver Public Library (Noreen Ma)

- Update shared via email
- The Britannia Branch Library refresh is underway. You may see some empty shelves, but not to worry – we are re-organizing the shelving and we have to de-shelve the books for painting. Installation of the early learning space is scheduled for 2021.
- Connection to Kith and Kin, Indigenous ancestry research support, continued online with its summer season in July and August. The fall season will continue online and it is scheduled to start on September 28, 2021.
- The BC Summer Reading Club was well received by many children and families in the community. Britannia Branch Library hosted StoryWalk programs on Thursdays in July where each week a different book was featured on signs in the plaza and families enjoy the stories and activities outside. In August, we had Chalk the Walk programs where the children could create chalk drawings in the plaza. Thank you to Giles Chin who created painted picture frames in the plaza where the kids could express their creativity.
- Virtual story times and programs continue to be offered for kids, tweens and teens this fall. More information about children's programs being offered through the library is available at www.vpl.ca/kids.

Vancouver School Board (Carmen Cho)

- First day back for schools in the VSB

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- Online available for elementary and secondary students/families not ready for in person instruction
- Tab on the VSB web site for all Covid related info, as they receive questions answers will be here, as well as details are organized/ approved they will be found here
- Yesterday was district wide anti-racism training
- Required training for all school based staff, all new employees from now on
- Return to in person meetings for Board and committees, delegation nights where people can present
- Searching for new Superintendent as Suzanne Hoffman is moving on to lead BC Trustees Association
- Jenn Unwin is acting until new Superintendent is hired
- Renewing Strategic Plan, now know as the Educational Plan, to help allocate resources
- Want the process to be student focused
- Semester model is new for Vancouver

6. Management Reports

Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

- p.20
- making the space better at 5xwqwelawen ct, supporting new carvers working on benches for outside

Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

- p.21
- Financial statements p.21-47
- New Office Administrator, Laura, has been settling into things in the Info Centre really well
- Reminder that Laura is your confidential source as Board members at Britannia
- Focus has really been on fall re-opening, bringing operations back
- Info Centre is now open Mon-Fri from 8:30am-7:00pm, may open weekends October
- Things in flux with Vaccine Cards and what that will look like
- We are on track to regular schedule for next budget
- December Board meeting will present a recommended budget to approve
- Strong standing on financials with a surplus YTD of \$26,000
- Lower than normal but better than last year
- July we took a hit from retro pay after CUPE agreement ratified
- Also had 3 pay periods that month
- Good standing with city budget
- Hope to have all tech ready for hybrid meetings for in person/ online options

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

- p.48
- received social policy grant for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion work
- applications in after quick timeline for \$10/day prototypes
- hope to know in October if our sites included
- BCGEU negotiations coming up
- Training on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for all staff
- Performance reviews – pedagogical approach for all educators
- Implementing pedagogy network
- Goal planning for 2022 for the Hub
- NDP mandate provincially to keep \$10/day but relying on federal government for funding
- Would like to have pedagogist provide info at a board meeting soon

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7. Consent Items

Discussion on consent items:

Arts & Culture

- Thanks to Cynthia and Arts & Culture committee we now have 3 carvers hired to work on benches for šx^wq^weləwən ct
- Also now have a porta potty for šx^wq^weləwən ct
- ACTION: Kathy will share the open studio times for carvers

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:36pm

Pamela Dudas/ Ingrid Kolsteren

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In camera