

**Britannia Board Meeting
September 13, 2017**

Board Room – Information Centre

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

Board meeting called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht at 6:08pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Addition to Agenda 4.a.1 – Board Update

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED

Scott Clark/Annie Danilko

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

Freya Kristensen/Scott Clark

CARRIED

3. Guests & New Staff

Jason Wu – Mechanical Technician II

Ron Scott – Community Schools Coordinator (Community Education Office)

Lindsay Grant – Britannia Renewal Updates

4. New Business

a.1. Board Update

Brendan Boylan submitted his resignation to the Board.

“Good day,

it's with a heavy heart that I have to resign at this moment in time. Please give my best to the board, knowing that we've achieved a lot over the last few years. I will continue to support Britannia wherever I go knowing it is a place linked to social activism and Community spirit. The resignation is effective immediately. Thank you. Sincerely yours, Brendan Boylan”

MOTION TO ACCEPT BRENDAN BOYLAN'S RESIGNATION

Susanne Dahlin (with regret)/John Flipse

CARRIED

a) Board Planning Day

- Sunday November 19, 8:30-4:00pm
- Please advise the Board Development Committee if unable to attend
- Will invite the same facilitator as in 2016 Nicki Kahnamoui
- Surveys will be sent to staff and Board members to identify priorities for 2018 and the focus on Renewal will continue

b) Warming Centre p.6-7

- Planning will start towards the end of October with a focus on training & staff availability
- Appreciation to Britannia for last winter (2016-2017) for working to provide safe, warm space and support for our community's homeless
- Support services for youth – open dialogue and welcoming of youth ensures support for our community youth while still meeting the obligation to connect with Social Services when youth are present overnight in warming centre. Youth protection training will be included in the staff training
- Expenses are reimbursed by the City of Vancouver
- Basic services – shelter, hot beverages, instant oatmeal
- Appreciation to staff for opening 1739 Venables in support of community members displaced by the apartment fire at Woodland & Hastings
- Note: Current financial deficit of \$10,000, operating at a loss and likely end 2017 with a deficit of approximately \$16,000

MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPROVE OPERATIONS OF THE WARMING CENTRE AT 1739 VENABLES FOR THE 2017/2018 WINTER IN COORDINATION WITH THE CITY OF VANCOUVER AND TO ALLOW FOR DISCRETIONARY OPENING OF THE CENTRE WITH BOARD APPROVAL.

Scott Clark/Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

5. Old Business

a) Meeting Guidelines

- Come to the meetings having read the package in advance
- Meetings are open to staff and the community
- The agenda is set by Gwen (President) and Cynthia (Executive Director) one week in prior to the meeting, contact them well in advance if you would like to add an item to the Agenda
- Board Manual with full details is available on our website

b) Consent Agenda

- Review; purpose of Consent items is to ensure that the Board's time together is efficient and sufficient time to is available discuss and make decisions as needed
- Time on each agenda to discuss as needed or if a committee wants to bring particular attention to something in their report

c) Conflict of Interest

- Review and communicate as needed
- Declarations were made at June 2017 meeting
- Recuse yourself from a decision as needed and err on the side of caution; a perceived conflict is considered a conflict as well

d) 2017 Priorities Update

- Review on p.8-9
- Cynthia to provide numbers around community engagement events

- e) Metro Vancouver Alliance – p.10
- Annual membership fee of \$500
 - Britannia can choose NOT to support an agenda item at any time and can opt out if not in line with Britannia's goals

**MOTION THAT THE BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
BECOME A MEMBER OF MVA AND APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE A
REPRESENTATIVE.**

Craig Ollenberger/Freya Kristensen

CARRIED

- f) Renewal – p11-15
- Consultants are compiling all of the information gathered during the community outreach events and will bring the results back to the community at the Open House on September 23rd
 - Board members are strongly encourage to attend and engage in the process as the Board members are the decision makers
 - 26 consultations to date
 - Still to come: Indigenous Design Charette (by invitation only September 16) and the World Café on the issue of Housing (open to all September 21)
 - Housing sub-committee worked all summer to develop Housing Principles (p.11)
 - Feedback on document was provided and Susanne will revise and circulate via email for approval
 - (i.e. include the history of how Britannia was created and the 77 private homes that were taken down to make the site public space)
 - Comment: Why is the COV asking Britannia to consider housing on site when they are purchasing private homes to make green space
 - Appreciation to the hard work from the PDC

6. Partners Reports

VPB – Peter Odynsky, p.16-20

- Pool closure & maintenance on track, currently working on safety railings, grout and replacing lights for LED lights (to improve light quality)
- Successful Fridays in the Park
- Food Sustainability – “Pasture to Plate” donated all of the meat
- Outreach – over 1200 community members engaged
- Free Skate - Welcome Back Turkey Bowl Skate, October 8
- Fitness Centre Volunteer workshop – Saturday November 18
- Playgrounds – successful summer, vibrant community and excellent engagement
- Youth camps – continue to grow in number of kids registering and great for youth development as we have the ability to train and hire local youth

VPL – p21-22

Yukiko Tosa retired, new manager is Pauline Preston

VSB – Andrew Schofield (brief handed out at meeting)

Start of the school year exceeding all expectations

Venture program has doubled in size and shifting the focus of the IB and IB International to be more in line with principles around reconciliation

14 new teachers, 22-23 students/class, more resources going to classrooms and students

90% graduation amongst First Nations students

Ron Scott – only a few days in new role, highlighted the engagement of elementary school kids in day camps. 60% of Tech & Rec registration from referrals made through Community Education Office with 9-10 Britannia Secondary School students volunteering with the camps.

7. Board Check In – no comments

8. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – p.23

- Completed 5xwqweləwən ct Carving Pavilion, included a naming ceremony
- COV approved a pilot project; Resilance Officer (in emergency situations, neighbours helping neighbours)
- Working with The Thingery on a grant application through the Vancouver Foundation to bring a lending library container to Mosaic park (household items)

Manager of Administration – p.24-25

- Centre operations indicate a year to date surplus that is 72% lower than last year. The cause of the decreased surplus is primarily due to free programs and increased instructor pay within recreation, but both Kickstand and 1739 Venables have negatively impacted the bottom line as well. Britannia Child Care's surplus is on par with last year
- Increase in Special Events and Youth Matters expenses
- Working with Peter and Cynthia to bring back to sustainable recreation programs such as requesting support from COV for LAP
- Carving Pavilion – May 2015 the Board approved \$100,000 for operation of the CP from the 2014 Surplus but building costs of the pavilion went over budget by \$100,000 therefore the 2014 Surplus was not enough.

Manager of Child Care Services – p.26-27

- Has now been in position for 6 months
- Busy successful summer
- Assessing revenue and finances from summer programming
- City Enhancement grants received – Brit OSC rec'd \$27,000
- Brit Preschool playground approved and kids enjoying it
- Staffing a main focus with lots of recruitment, interviews, hiring, OSC positions difficult due to split shifts, lower wages (due to lower education requirements)
- Cynthia, Jeremy and Rachel working on wage opener for the collective agreement

MOTION TO RECEIVE REPORTS AS PRESENTED
Ingrid Kolsteren/Levi Higgs

CARRIED

9. Board Check In

10. Committee Reports & Consent Agenda

Finance Committee p.30

MOTION THAT THE BOARD APPOINT PAMELA DUDAS AND TOM CHANG TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

John Flipse/Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD APPROVE TO CO-HOST A CITY OF VANCOUVER COUNCIL ALL CANDIDATES MEETING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GWAC

Ingrid Kolsteren/Andrew Phillips

CARRIED

Abstained: Scott Clark
Craig Ollenberger

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD APPROVE TO CO-HOST A VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD ALL CANDIDATES MEETING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

THAT THE BOARD APPROVE TO SPEND UP TO \$1,000 FOR THIS EVENT

Craig Ollenberger/John Flipse

CARRIED

Arts & Culture Committee p.59

Reminder of the returning Britannia Christmas Craft Fair

Youth Matter Committee – briefing note handed out during meeting

A formal process of signing the pledge will be held during RIA event on September 26

MOTION THAT BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY SIGN THE PLEDGE OF SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH MATTER COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY.

Susanne Dahlin/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:25pm

John Flipse/Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

Executive Committee

In-Camera