

# MINUTES – BOARD



## Britannia Board Meeting September 14, 2022

### Via Zoom and Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Annie Danilko, Pamela Dudas, Naina Varshney, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillspie, Pat Hogan, Craig Ollenberger, Stephanie Slen, Matt Smith, Oliver Tennant, Emma Xu, Vera Jones, Susanne Dahlin, Randy Gatley, Maddie LaFleur, Rose Mackenzie, Stuart MacKinnon, John Flipse, Ashki Shkur, Carmen Cho

**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier (Recording)

**GUESTS:** Sophie Middleton, Ron MacDonald

**REGRETS:** Peter Odynsky, Jacky Hughes

Annie called the meeting to order at 6:07PM

#### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- Annie Danilko

#### Round of Introductions

##### 1. Approval of Agenda

Number 5 item added – resignation of Board member

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED**  
**Naina Varshney/Pamela Dudas**

**CARRIED**

##### 2. Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2022

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**  
**Naina Varshney/Ariela Friedmann**

**CARRIED**

##### 3. New Business

Conflict of Interest (Cynthia)

- Cynthia referenced the conflict of interest policy at Britannia
- If there is a conflict of interest one can speak on the subject but does not have voting rights.
- Offered Board members to announce their potential conflicts

Committees

- Committee lists of all members need to be sent to the Board before next board meeting
- Board members are encouraged to join committees

Britannia Art Gallery

- Curators resigned (have been curators at Britannia for 15 years)
- Shows are curated until December 2022
- Will be reviewing Art Gallery from now until March 2023
- Arts and Culture committee approved this work at last meeting

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## Public Art (Cynthia)

- Need for public art guidelines at Britannia (discussed in June)
- As buildings age, it is good to include art to provide liveliness to the site
- Couple of projects underway
  - Canada Community revitalization fund for Carving Pavilion
  - Black Lives Matter mural launch
  - Skateboard park murals – for the future
  - Two benches outside of the Info Centre
- Cohesive guidelines for staff
- Next priorities will be the Courts Skateboard Park and Carving Pavilion

## Special Event Guidelines

- Covid allowed us to consider what types of special events we should have
- Staffing resources and issues
- Will be reviewing these guidelines with Committees to ensure they are aligned with Britannia values

## 4. Old Business

### Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update (Susanne)

- Not been meeting for last few months due to civic election (all public consultation is on hold)
- Working with the City, Parks Board, VSB, VPL, and Britannia Board
- Still meeting with City staff and other partners still to ensure once the election is done they are prepared to keep moving the renewal forward
- Rezoning is the next big step
- Met with Parks Board regarding Skateboard park
  - More work needs to be done in these discussions
- Block with the VSB regarding creating a meeting area in the centre of the site – this where the VSB shops are (which are not seismically upgraded) – need to be moved somewhere else
  - VSB has stated they are not prepared to move forward on this issue for a number of years and will create a huge stall in the redevelopment
  - Making a delegation to the VSB on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> to make them aware of these issues

### 5 Year Reconciliation Plan (Cynthia)

- RIA committee taking the lead on the plan
  - Established a working group and have since been developing the job posting
- Manager of Organizational Change (position title) job description has been approved
  - Will be posted this month
- Full financial report will go to Finance committee in two weeks

## 5. Board Resignations

- Emily Vickery has resigned
- Need to recruit a new Board member

## 6. Partner Reports

### Vancouver Park Board (Stuart Mackinnon)

- Last board meeting was in July
- Currently not having meetings due to election
- Stuart's last meeting as PB Liaison – running for City Council
- Stuart gave his thanks to the Board

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## Vancouver Park Board (Peter Odynsky)

- Plaza market – huge success
- BLM Mural – great event unveiling the mural
- Rink was closed and has reopened
- Pool is closing as of Sept 19<sup>th</sup>
- 50 smoke filters purchased and went out to seniors with fans during period of poor air quality
- Various projects at Carving Pavilion
- Very busy summer for Funseekers day camps
- Pools – very challenging keeping Aquatic Leaders – not Britannia or Parks Board specific – Canada wide issue

## Vancouver Public Library (Randy Gatley)

- Staffing – many staff have been away due to sickness, vacation, other personal reasons over the summer.
  - Now back to full team
- Summer reading club of 1997 – time capsule
  - Opened two weeks ago
  - On display at the entrance to the library
- Will do a time capsule now for 2047
  - Looking for items to put into it
  - Will be taking ideas from the community
- Kith and Kin
  - Starting up again to do in depth genealogy research for indigenous people
  - Will be starting this month – have a full list of participants for this round
- Sept 19 – VPL decided to stay open

## Vancouver School Board (Carmen Cho)

- Main updates – kicking things off for the 2022/23 school year
  - Back to operations more similar to pre-covid
- Ron MacDonald here to discuss renewal and answer any questions the Board has
  - Suzanne question – all partners agreed to look at and support master plan in principle (2017 master plan)
  - Key piece of master plan – removal of shops – which will eventually have to be replaced or seismically upgraded regardless – therefore decided to remove
  - VSB have not yet agreed upon master plan (needed for rezoning)
  - Looking to get information on costs to seismically upgrade shops – do cost analysis to compare to the cost of moving to a new location
  - To get movement on this bringing to the trustee level at the VSB
  - Suzanne has requested that the VSB, although sitting at the table, need to help move the process forward
  - Need to get \$ values for costs for both moving Gym C to building 1 and the shops so that Britannia can fundraise through government reconciliation grants to help fund these items

## BREAK

### 7. Admin Reports

#### Executive Director (Cynthia Low)

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- Busy summer

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Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy Shier)

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- financials p.16-27

Manager of Child Care Services (Jacky Hughes)

- Focus on hiring during the summer
- New Mount Pleasant Senior Supervisor – Mirae PinPin

## 8. Consent Items

**MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED**

**Ariela Friedmann/Suzanne Dahlin**

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 9:02PM**

**Naina Varshney/Stephanie Slen**

**CARRIED**