

Britannia Board Meeting

February 10, 2016

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Ye Chu, Brendan Boylan, Tyrus Tracey, Aaron Giesbrecht, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Craig Ollenberger, Erin Shum, John Flipse, Jean Paul Beran, Susanne Dahlin, , Ingrid Kolsteren, Andrew Schofield

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Jeremy Shier, Victoria Haenel

REGRETS: Beth Davies, Freya Kristensen, Alex McKechnie, Craig Smith

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President at 6:05pm

1. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA

Scott Clark/Ye Chu

CARRIED

Agenda Amended: Committee reports – Arts & Culture moved up to a)
Old Business moved ahead of New Business

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 9, 2016

John Flipse/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Follow-up: Youth event being cancelled due to room usage.

Response: Event was cancelled due to lack of supervision, not for a staff event.

3. Old Business

a) Board Retreat – Susanne p.7-11

- Committee processes
- Report from 2015 retreat to set stage for 2016 retreat
- Program principles, decision making process (new programs, discontinuing programs)

b) Britannia Renewal

- Steering committee meets weekly
- RFP for a facilitator for community visioning process being drafted
- Website launch mid-April
- Join meeting with VPL, VSB, COV planned for early March
- Monthly meetings held 2nd Tuesdays at 7pm and are open to all
- Cynthia contacted community groups for follow-up presentations/discussions

- c) Community Development and Capacity Building Project – Cynthia
- From December Board Meeting – Proposal went to the Executive Committee in January and was approved with the additional information and scope.

4. New Business

2016 City Budget Summary – Cynthia

- Reduction of 6% to Britannia Budget 2016 (\$304,000) due to transfer of operations from VSB to COV for Rink and Pool maintenance
- Budget is currently maintained
- Currently in collective bargaining so that have an impact on salaries
- COV priorities – housing, homelessness, WiFi, infrastructure
- Britannia renewal 2016 budget \$500,000 for planning
- Britannia renewal 2017 budget \$2.5 million for planning (design & tech costs)
- VPL in site identified as a priority with no additional funding mentioned

5. Partners Reports

Vancouver Park Board

Erin:

- Biodiversity Strategy passes in February meeting to create a biodiversity committee (recruiting via social media)
- Phase 2 of West float dock(for non-motorized and motorized boats) upgrade
- Submitted ice rink motion to ask staff to tally usage, time, funds and recommend if new to twin rinks needed. Next session February 22/16
- Follow-up from January meeting regarding birds – no answer but there is a biodiversity strategy for the birds

Peter:

- Spring Programming Brochure is complete
- Vittoria is moving to Roundhouse Community Centre and Mawi will be backfilling as Pool Programmer until it is posted. Helen will be covering the Volunteer area
- Youth are hosting another gaming event, planned for the Youth Summit
- April 9th – YOUUnique Leader Conference

MOTION: REQUEST FOR \$200 FOR THE YOUTH COMMITTEE TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH WEEK.

Craig Ollenberger/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Vancouver Public Library – n/a report on p 17-18

Vancouver School Board – Jennifer/Andrew

- Jan 14-16 Bruins Invitational Basketball Tournament (Brit Girls won 1st place and Brit Boys 5th)
- Naming of Gym a/b as the Mike Evans Gym event in January, lots of alumni attending, name plaque unveiled – all a surprise to Mike.
- MoreSports is working on their spring planning.
- Bringing youth programmers together to connect with MoreSport.
- Spring Break – basketball camp and Urban Native Youth Association camp including subsidized spaces.
- Leisure Access Program meeting had great attendance, providing easier access for families.
- VSB working on new strategic plan and hosting a consultation event on February 17th at Prince of Wales School. Gwen would like an East Side meeting and is prepared to present.
- Andrew shared Secondary School Educational vision to focus on Arts, Sciences and Robotics.
- Essential to increase the number of students enrolled, offer more programs, enrichment programs such as music.
- Educational concern – grade 10 students are poorly prepared the level of math. expectations, comes from culture in community and hub elementary schools understanding and improving the educational lives of our community.

6. Committee Reports

- a) **Arts & Culture Committee** – Ingrid (handouts provided)

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REALLOCATION OF \$5,325 FROM EAST FEAST TOWARDS THE BRITANNIA ARTIST GRANT AND COFFEE HOUSE PROGRAM.

THAT THE BRITANNIA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GRANT, AND;

THAT THESE GUIDELINES REFLECT THE STRATEGIC PRIOROTIES OF THE BRITANNIA BOARD OR MANAGEMENT AND THE SOCIETY.

Brendan Boylan/Aaron Giesbrecht

CARRIED

- b) **Executive Committee** – Gwen
Retreat – February 27, 2016
Community Development and Capacity Building Report Project approved
- c) **Finance** – n/a
- d) **Board Development Committee**
Retreat – p.7

- e) **Childcare Committee** – No meeting
- Update board member, Craig Ollenberger is no longer on the committee and Ye Chu is now the board representative.
 - Work is Focusing on HUB reviews with help from the City of Vancouver
- f) **Planning and Development Committee** – Susanne
RFP – for a photographer in collaboration with the Arts & Culture Committee
Copy of RFP to be sent to Board (Victoria – email sent to board Feb 13th)
- g) **Program Committee** – Brendan
- No meeting until after the Board retreat to discuss relevancy of the Program Committee, where does it fit, is it still relevant and if not, should it be restructured or disbanded.
- h) **Youth Committee** – Aaron/Tyrus
- We “heart” our community event Friday Feb 13th (handing out cookies)
 - Stay Active conference to create programs for younger students Mar 31-Apr30;
 - Thursdays 3:30-6pm weekly
 - Activities include team building and bonding/Cooking day/Mental health workshop/Swimming/Bowling and BBQ
 - Will bring presentations for Board for funding of activities at March meeting
- i) **Youth Matter Committee** – Scott
Discussed structure of activities and will have a presentation for the Board at next meeting.
2016 RIA at Britannia is scheduled for September 27th

MOTION: TO EXTEND MEETING BY 30 MINUTES

Susanne Dahlin/Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

7. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – Cynthia (hand-out at meeting)

- Hosting a Parents Mini Fair on March 9th with the First Nations Parents Group and Brit Elementary PAC.
- The event will include child-minding for participating families.

Manager of Administration Services – Jeremy p.19

- Fiscal 2015 reports will be ready this week and will be presented to the Finance Committee later this month.
- Work is slow through the VSB due to the transition to REEM (rink maintenance, pool heat exchanger)
- VCH – mandated that we install pool fill meters
- Attended the Vancouver Foundation meeting in January – Britannia investments started at \$1.364 million. \$42,800 donated to society (to maintain non-profit status), 2.5% net profit with a closing balance of \$1.348 million

Manager of Childcare Services – Craig (not present) p.20-21

- Continuing focus on HUB review
- Planning a professional day for staff
- CAPC fiscal year end is March 31st

MOTION: TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED

John Flipse/Brendan Boylan

CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

Brendan Boylan/Juan Carlos Maldonado

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE IN CAMERA