

**Britannia Board Meeting**

**January 9, 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, Alex McKechnie, Ingrid Kolsteren, Andrew Schofield

**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Jenny Jung, Craig Smith, Jeremy Shier, Victoria Haenel

**REGRETS:** Beth Davies, Freya Kristensen, Scott Clark

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President at 6:06pm

**1. Introductions**

**2. Agenda**

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA  
Craig Ollenberger /Brendan Boylan

CARRIED

**3. Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2015  
Update – spelling of Boylan on p.3  
Brendan Boylan/Aaron Giesbrecht

CARRIED

**4. New Business**

Appoint Committee members – Cynthia  
Committee members list handed out during the meeting, not including the Planning and Development Committee. They are reviewing the TOR and will present the list at the February meeting.

MOTION: RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE LIST AS PRESENTED AS OF JANUARY 2016

Brendan Boylan/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Courtesy Passes – expired December 31, 2015. Renewal forms were made available during the meeting. All passes are valid for 6 months (Jan-June & July-Dec).

## 5. Old Business

### a) 2016 Budget V3 – Jeremy p6-15

Finance Committee approved 2016 Budget V3 final draft

A few changes from V2:

- Childcare revenue due to changes in offsite ChildCare Budget
- Special Events labour costs have now been added (increase \$2500.00)
- Community programs better reflect revenue expectations
- Slight decrease in total revenue due to decrease in City budget and more accurate recreation budget

MOTION: RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE 2016 BUDGET V3.  
Brendan Boylan/John Flipse CARRIED

Gwen – thanks to the Finance Committee, Jenny & Rec team, Craig and Jeremy. Appreciation on behalf of the Board for the hard work on the budget.

### b) Carving Pavilion

- Phase 1 of construction is complete, drain issue resolved
- \$10,000 from Vancouver Foundation to develop programming model for pavilion
- Erin Shum – suggested the Neighbourhood Matching Fund as a potential source of funds for programming.

### c) 1739 Venables – Nothing to Report

MOTION: TO REMOVE THE CARVING PAVILION AND 1739 VENABLES FROM OLD BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS IN FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS AND TO BE ADDRESSED IN REPORTS IN THEIR RELEVANT AREAS.

Brendan Boylan/Ingrid Kolsteren  
Opposed: John Flipse

CARRIED

### d) 2016 City Budget Summary – deferred to February 2016

MOTION: TO DEFER 2016 CITY BUDGET SUMMARY TO FEBRUARY 9, 2016  
Brendan Boylan/Susanne Dahlin CARRIED

## 6. Guest Speaker – Jennifer Scott (MoreSport)

MoreSport is in its 15<sup>th</sup> year and is currently in a transition phase with VSB, VPL and Ian Bird of the Vancouver Foundation (financing and resources to complete transition).

Summary:

- 10 hubs, 24 neighbourhoods
- 10,000 children/youth participate

- Core value is inclusion, breaking down barriers that inhibits kids from participating in sports (cost, equipment, accessibility)
- Programs for the elementary children are run by secondary school students who receive training and mentorship and in some cases, certification for the training/skills received.
- Activities include swimming, soccer, skateboarding, badminton, yoga

At Britannia, Celine is the Hub Developer, oversees the leadership training, provides mentors for the youth instructors

## 7. Partners Reports

### **Vancouver Park Board** – Jenny p.16-19

- Courtesy pass procedure reviewed, applications made available during meeting
- Micro Footie had registration on a Tuesday (usually on a Saturday) to ensure full IT & staffing support. Fastest registration – full in 20 minutes, approx. 1200 kids, some divisions moving Saturday games to Empire Bowl at Hastings Park. Registration brought in \$75,000 in registration fees and over 500 new memberships.
- Micro Footie is the most subsidized program, working also with Brit Elementary families
- Board requested an analysis of registrations (# children on wait-list, geography of where players are coming from and success of Tuesday registration vs Saturday)
- Suggestions that neighbourhood kids
- Cameron Stevenson left in December 2015, a memory photobook was passed around meeting for viewing; a snapshot of achievement for Cam & Britannia Gymnastics.

A very sincere Thank You from the Board of Management to Jenny for her hard work & dedication to Britannia during her time her and best wishes for a very successful future. She will be greatly missed.

### **Vancouver Park Board** – Erin

- Erin is now the vice chair of Park Board – congratulations from Board
- New marketing tools - wrapping Park Board vehicles to feature Vancouver parks.
- New online digital map
- Vancouver Park Board is the first in Canada to support RIA (Erin to email the board details)
- Brendan: noticed the birds at Bloedel were visibly distressed by winter holiday celebrations, Erin will inquire with staff and report back to board of any trauma (numbers of deaths) due to disruption of schedules and large numbers of people in habitat.

### **Vancouver Public Library** – N/A

### **Vancouver School Board** – Andrew

- 45% students at Britannia on Honor Roll
- New start time of 9am in September 2015 has resulted in a substantial increase attendance and reducing lateness of students

- New change in curriculum, teachers have been leading the changes and the Province is now catching up
- Looking into specialized programs at Britannia

## **Community Education - Jennifer**

- Special event hosted in December involved 20 students helping with a pop-up tent, gave out 1500 items of clothing and 500 sandwiches.
- Working with Arts Umbrella on drama & cartoon program
- Transitioning activities to prepare grade 7 students for grade 8
- 2 Britannia students nominated as "Difference Makers", Lauren Powell and Timmy Zao
- Upcoming event - unveiling of new gym name - renamed the Mike Evans gym. Everyone invited to event, a surprise for Mike as he does not know about it.

## **8. Committee Reports**

- a) Executive Committee – N/A
- b) Finance Committee – N/A
- c) Board Development Committee – Cynthia  
Board Development Retreat to be hold on Saturday February 27, 9:00am-4:00pm
- d) Arts and Culture Committee – Ingrid
  - Draft guidelines for carving pavilion – Ingrid is requesting feedback to be emailed to Ingrid as final version will be presented at February 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
  - East Feast to be repurposed
  - All committee members attended Eastside Crawl spoke with artists about Britannia gallery and it is now booked through to Sept 2017.
- e) Childcare Committee – No meeting
- f) Planning and Development Committee - Susanne
  - Met with COV (report handed out during meeting), PDC reviewing report and will respond. Report mostly deals with “gym & swims”, did not include Strathcona and does not capture Arts or public events and social purpose.
  - COV is responsible for land use and structures while Britannia Society is responsible for usage and programming needs.
  - Report did not include Library expectations and PDC looking into Library services.
  - During next phase of community consultation, the committee will include questions about housing needs
  - PDC working on the Consultation Process and wish to have a facilitated session to create a visionary approach to whole site, not facility specific but the whole needs to the community such as large public spaces.
  - Visionary piece to include a series of public events on subjects such as Ageing, Transportation etc.
  - PDC have asked COV for funding to hire a Planner to help facilitate the process.
  - John: VSB & COV land issue has not yet be resolved.

- Alex: are community consultations going on now?
- Susanne: yes, but now PDC wants to go back out into the community with a more concrete consultation process with the help of a facilitator.
- Identified public consultation areas;
  - a) Gentrification – impacts, do we want a “new” facility?
  - b) Age & Social Groups – integrate, separate, principles?
  - c) Arts & Culture – have arts & culture, need a focus on arts & culture, what are the missing pieces?
  - d) Information and Libraries – what is the library of the future?
  - e) Recreation, Sports & Fitness – flexible spaces for all.
  - f) Social Programming – public spaces and activism
  - g) Adult and Community Education
  - h) Wellness and Health
  - i) Housing, Transportation and other planning issues

PDC to host public events around these topics with 2-3 person panel and COV participation

MOTION: TO EXTEND THE MEETING BY 30 MINUTES

Aaron Giesbrecht /Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Opposed: John Flipse

**g) Program Committee** – No meeting

**h) Youth Committee** – Aaron & Tyrus

December:

- Hosted a Week of Giving Monday to Friday Dec 14-18<sup>th</sup>, various activities such as a talent show, art booth, hot chocolate & cookies, pin the beard on Santa and Friday Movie night
- Went to Whistler with group of teens for a day of Ski & Snowboarding
- One planned event was cancelled as they lost the room for a teacher's party

Upcoming events:

- Hosting another video game night as it was really popular in the fall.
- We “heart” Britannia Day – the week of Valentine’s Day

MOTION: REQUEST THE BOARD APPROVE UP TO \$100 BE ALLOCATED TO THE YOUTH COMMITTEE FOR MEETING EXPENSES.

Brendan Boylan/Ye Chu

CARRIED

Brendan: If an event was booked in advance, why were the youth displaced and forced to cancel their event for a staff party?

Andrew: will investigate and report back to the Board.

**i) Youth Matter Committee** – No meeting

- A round table will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1739 Venables
- Working groups will include VCH, VPD, VSB
- Integrated approach to supporting the 150 youth at risk

## 9. Administration Reports

**Executive Director** – Cynthia p.23

**Manager of Administration Services** – Jeremy p24, 26-30

- Asked Board if there was any feedback on 4 days of closure of Christmas – none rec'd
- Will be working on a business review process – not many updated to processes over the past years (operational perspective) such as the heavy usage of paper by the site as a whole.

**Manager of Childcare Services** – Craig p.25

Budgets complete for 2016

261 childcare spaces are budgeted (not including preschool).

Moving forward with the HUB process, have a wonderful facilitator.

December has been a quiet month overall.

MOTION: TO RECEIVE REPORTS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger/Brendan Boylan

CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING

Craig Ollenberger/Aaron Giesbrecht

CARRIED