

Britannia Board Meeting

March 9, 2016

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Susanne Dahlin, John Flipse, Ye Chu, Ingrid Kolsteren, Scott Clark, Craig Ollenberger, Brendan Boylan, Tyrus Tracey, Juan Carlos Maldonado, Jean-Paul Beran, Aaron Giesbrecht, Alex McKechnie, Beth Davies, Peter Odynsky

GUESTS: Ciskey Huang (Youth Committee), Mark Clayton (Youth Program Staff)

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Jeremy Shier, Craig Smith, Kathy Whittam

REGRETS: Freya Kristensen, Andrew Schofield

The meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President at 6:03pm

1. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA
Brendan Boylan / Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

Agenda Amended:

- correction to numbering of agenda items to 3 & 4, and switch times for #3 to 6:10-6:30 and #4 at 6:30-6:40
- Youth Committee report moved from Committee Reports to item 5 c).

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM February 10, 2016
Scott Clark/ Ye Chu

CARRIED

3. New Business

- a) Revised Mission – Cynthia
 - Briefing Note provided
 - revised Mission Statement to be taken to all committees by Board members, and to all staff through the head of department.

MOTION to accept the Recommendation as amended:

That the Britannia Board of Management *adopt* in principle the revised Vision Statement pending a full consultation with staff and Britannia Committees.

That the revised Vision Statement be presented to Britannia Committees by Board and Staff representatives of the committees and feedback be brought back to the Board of Management on April 13, 2016 for final approval.

Brendan Boylan/ John Flipse

CARRIED

- b) Inquiry Pedagogy – Alex
- Briefing Note provided
 - teachers from Britannia and Churchill secondary schools have discussed ways to incorporate indigenous ways of learning, teaching and knowing into teaching practices.
 - idea developing for a community event in June to involve Britannia Elementary and Secondary, and Churchill.
 - building east/west connections at the student level
 - looking to Britannia to help with outreach and other activities, the Reconciliation in Action Event is a model they would like to use

4. Old Business

- a) Board Retreat – Cynthia
- well attended and good opportunity for deeper dialogue
 - organizers put together a great day
 - full notes from the day will be ready by April, and will go to Executive first.
 - Cynthia developing work plan based on feedback from retreat.
 - staff have been directed to create guidelines on code of conduct on behaviour like bullying
- b) Britannia Renewal – Susanne
- the sub committee in consultation with the Planning and Development Committee have developed a consultation plan and process and looking for facilitator to take community consultation to the next level
 - City has asked for delay on posting Request For Proposal for a consultation facilitator
 - City is reconfiguring how to do the renewal process for Britannia
 - A meeting has been set up for Friday March 11 with Susanne, Cynthia, Mary Clare Zak from Social Planning, and a senior representative from COV, VSB, VPB, VPL
 - The City will bring players to the table, a challenge for the Board of Parks and Recreation
 - This is slower than the committee had hoped but an important step in collaboration
 - Consultant RFP will now likely include Architectural qualifications to make sure there is good transfer of information
 - Britannia Renewal web site for outreach ready for launch 3rd week of April

5. Guests

Britannia Youth Programs – Peter, Tom, Mark

- population for Grandview-Woodlands community is 5 yrs younger than average for City-wide
- also larger percentage of young adults, expecting increase in children as these young adults begin having families
- currently our facilities are at capacity with no room to offer more youth programs

- focusing on partnerships and outreach
- in line with City-wide goals
- Mark spoke about his own experience as a struggling youth who found what he needed when he began spending time at the Teen Centre. Staff helped him and his family. He has become staff here helping other teens, and now beginning a college program.
- Tom provided a recap of all the youth programs going on, and services being provided
- Britannia has one of few stand-alone teen centres in the city where youth can hang out on their terms (ie play their music louder)
- positive adult connections with teen centre staff
- trying to engage kids and pre-teens to keep them connected into their youth
- approach for Britannia is to integrate supports and help with life skills
- Britannia recognized leader in "Play it Fair" children's rights leadership

Youth Matters Committee – Scott

- "Reconciliation in Action" video shown
- link to view online: <https://vimeo.com/145006370>
- Briefing Note provided
- challenging and meaningful to build partnerships and work on how to break down the model of silos for services
- City is interested because they are focusing on creating new models for community support
- working on more provincial & federal support. Interest from MCFD and VCH. Reaching out to Federal Minister of Youth which is Prime Minister Trudeau.
- June 17 there will be a signing ceremony of all parties involved including Community Centres: Strathcona, RayCam, Britannia, Hastings, Trout Lake and Mt Pleasant
- "Reconciliation in Action" event at RayCam immediately after the signing ceremony

Youth Committee – Tyrus, Aaron, Sissy

- Briefing Note provided
- motivated by Activate workshop they attended to develop a program for younger youth
- "Mission to Transition" will run in April and provide connections for students starting high school in the fall
- These are events that will work with Grade 7 & 6 students meet led by Grade 10, 11 & 12 students. This includes cooking workshops and climbing outings.
- will report back when complete. Possibly with a video that can be used for further promotion
- Britannia & VSB consent needed for any youth captured in pictures or video

MOTION:

That up to \$900 be allocated to the Youth Committee for the Mission to Transition program in April, out of Board Projects fund.

Brendan Boylan/ John Flipse

CARRIED

6. Correspondence Report – not included

7. Partner Reports

Vancouver Park Board – Peter

- Report in package p 6-7
- Secured a trailer for benches and equipment for Carving Pavilion
- Put out a local call to artists for a photographer to work on creating a database of new photographs of Britannia for renewal web site, brochures and other materials.
- Focus has been on brochure and upcoming spring registration
- Staffing changes include Vittoria Basile moving to Roundhouse Community Centre. Mawi Bagon will be acting as Pool programmer until position is posted in late March or early April. Helen Spaxman will be filling in the Volunteer Coordinator position.
- Ian Marcuse will be planting a new First Nations garden around the Carving Pavilion this spring.
- Demand increasing for bulk food buying but lack hours needed to expand the program.

Vancouver Public Library – Beth, Yukiko

- Introduction of Yukiko who is the Britannia Branch Head Librarian. She grew up in the neighbourhood and as a student she was active in the development of Britannia. Now happy to be working in the community for the final years of her library career before retirement.
- Report in package p 8-9
- Children have been enjoying a Lego movie making program
- Teen Reading Buddies have created a bunch of cardboard cars for kids to sit in for a 'drive-in' reading program over spring break at various branches
- New Storyteller in Residence, Renae Morriseau, starting next week until June 2016.
- The Big Listen program looking for people to share their stories.
- Free online database services free for VPL users: Criterion and IndieFlix for screening movies; Zinio for reading many magazine; Lynda.com for learning creative programs.
- Now lending out tablets for 3 weeks.

Vancouver School Board – n/a

Community Education – Jennifer

- Transition is the mandate for community school teams (CST) to help lower grades adjust to secondary and help students from one grade to the next to stay in school
- Celina is working with the Youth Committee on the transition program they developed
- Great partnership between high school and Teen Centre
- Britannia staff helping to get students into Funseekers with subsidy referrals
- New Youth & Family Worker for the team will be Karli Romus. Will be a great connector between school & community
- Information sheets available for families for new VSB student attendance initiative
- Dates soon to come for East side consultation on VSB strategic plan

8. Committee Reports

- a) **Executive Committee** – Susanne
 - Reviewing feedback from Board retreat
 - Working on year-end report
 - Need a roof for Carving Pavilion
- b) **Finance Committee** – John
 - Financials included in package p 14-39
 - No questions or comments from the Board about financials this month
- c) **Arts & Culture Committee** – Ingrid
 - Possibilities showcase in the Art Gallery was a success, and 36 people attended the opening
 - Member of Possibilities will be joining the Arts & Culture Committee
 - Had an open meeting to recruit new members and had 2 people come for the meeting
 - Sculptor showcasing in the gallery now is interested in working in the Carving Pavilion
 - Committee members checking out a 3D printing workshop at a local Maker Lab
 - Designed a logo and cards for handing out at events such as Stone Soup
 - Looking to get involved for upcoming Canada150 event for youth canoe carving

9. Administrative Reports

Executive Director – Cynthia

- Report in package p 11
- Transition of the maintenance for pool and rink facilities from VSB to COV is delayed
- VSB to continue maintenance in the time being
- April 4 from 3-5pm is a Salish honouring ceremony at Raycam for people who have contributed to community and are now retiring

Manager of Administration Services – Jeremy

- Report in package p 12-13
- Financials included are unaudited year end statements and there may be changes once audit is complete in March
- Overall surplus year to date is \$76,189
- Child Care surplus of \$44,955 is due to lower wage costs using auxiliaries while HR process for positions is complete
- Society revenues and costs are under budget resulting in a discretionary surplus of \$17,817.

Manager of Childcare Services – Craig

- Report in package p 40
- Demographic shifts around Mt Pleasant and Eagles in the Sky child cares, now at risk of not receiving City enhancement grants
- COV Social Planning department looking alternate strategies to support families in need to enroll children into child care
- Hiring for the Assistant Supervisor position, interviews next week
- Consultant supporting Child Care HUB review
- CAPC project has had funding rolled over for another 3 years.

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MOTION: TO ADJOURN AT 8:35pm
Ingrid Kolsteren/ Brendan Boylan

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EXECUTIVE IN CAMERA