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**Seniors, Elders & Advocates Committee (SEA)**

Wednesday April 20, 2022 3:15pm Hybrid

**Present:** Vera Jones, Anne Cowan, Daniel Cook, Kya Prince, Sonia Massaro, Myra Pierre, Terry McNeney, Rachel Gibson, Alice Munro, Cylia Wong, Todd DeVries, Amanda Lye, Randy Gatley, Ejiwa "Edge" Ebenebe

**Artist Edge for BLM Mural – How seniors and elders can be a part of the development**

* Edge has been commissioned by Britannia Community Centre to create a mural with a focus on anti-racism and Black Lives Matter representation and support.
* Concept art has already been shared with students and the Anti-Racism & Anti-Oppression committee
* ARAO Committee would also like to highlight the diverse community surrounding Britannia
* School feedback: highlighting togetherness and community
* Project to begin painting on the walkway side of Gym C end of May/Beginning of June 2022

**Discussion;**

* + SEA supportive, shared praises of a bright colorful mural and expresses thoughts of showing a wide spectrum of multicultural persons and community activities represented.
  + Black, Indigenous and peoples of colour have largely been erased from history and community spaces.
  + Even today, the many issues of racism is still occurring in various levels. SEA highlights the importance of having a mural that shows BIPOC will not be pushed around and are supported by and a part of the surrounding community. Appreciation on the projects’ progress so far.

**Britannia Renewal – Upcoming Engagement Sessions**

* Tabled – dates/promos to come (May 2022)

**Britannia AGM May 25th 6:00pm – 9:00pm**

* Will be hosted in person and on Zoom (hybrid)
* Information is online, and posted onsite
* Reminder to ensure that your memberships cards are updated to vote and participate
* If interested in running for the Britannia Board, contact;
  + [Cynthia.low@vancouver.ca](mailto:Cynthia.low@vancouver.ca)

**Program Updates;**

* Friday Wellness Chair Yoga
  + New free program that will be ongoing for future sets. Has been a very successful onsite program in 55+ on Fridays 12:15-1:15pm
* Tax Clinics
  + Coming to a close, but in person and virtual appointments are still available. Contact the Info Centre 604-718-5800
* HATTA
  + Monday July 25th date for Dancing Hats to Life ceremony in šxʷqʷeləwən ct Carving Centre. Collaboration with HATTA, WOCT, and Britannia 55+. Updates to come
* Quirke
  + Still meeting virtually, in talks to come back to site Wednesday mornings in 55+ centre
* Friday Café & Tent Project
  + Social Café still on going 2:00-4:00pm in 55+ centre each week
  + Carlos Santiago has been working with departments of Britannia on creating designs to print onto Britannia canopy tents. One will be dedicated to 55+ seniors and elders with their input and thoughts of designs. Follow up meetings to come.
* VPL – Kith & Kin
  + Next session to begin Tuesday April 26th online
  + Will resume in the Fall 2022 for in person
  + Max 6 for registration

**Discussion;**

* + Talks of looking into promoting similar programs outside of the VPL catchment as there is plenty of interest from members
* Tech Literacy Support
  + Volunteer Isabella Merjanian, UX researcher and designer. During 2 upcoming Social Cafés, you will have the opportunity to meet Isabella at the 55+ centre and provide any input on how we can support seniors and elders in tech literacy. April 29th (55+ Centre) and May 13th (55+ Centre & Zoom) 2:00-4:00pm;
    - One-on-one sessions during drop-in hours at the centre
    - What types of workshops - How to setup/use email, how to use my digital device, typing classes, etc.
    - How do we also provide these in virtual/hybrid format?
    - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85960645815> Mtg ID: 859 6064 5815 Dial in: 778-907-2071
* WOCT
  + Programming going well. Programs have been extended for another year under UPIP grant. Plans to move programming under Britannia CC underway
  + Craft Collective set to gift Britannia Secondary gradates a medicine bag as gifts. Sabian will be purchasing supplies after colours are decided in upcoming CC meeting. Contact Daniel to participate;
    - [Daniel.cook@vancouver.ca](mailto:Daniel.cook@vancouver.ca)
  + Drum Circle has been expanding, will be moved from 55+ centre to šxʷqʷeləwən ct Carving Centre once weather warms up enough

**Discussion;**

* + Talks about wanting to resume WOCT Wednesdays crafting group back in person at 55+ centre
  + Staff to continue with extra precaution where possible on mask wearing and social distancing recommendations as well as cleaning protocols onsite
  + Room booking and program scheduling to be reviewed by 55+ staff for upcoming Summer 2022 set

**Special Events – May**

* MMIWG - Online Event (IRSSS, COV, VACPC, WAVAW) – May 5th – Online Event

<https://www.facebook.com/PAFNW/posts/may-5th-is-the-national-day-of-awareness-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-wom/4204918369572997/>

* + Britannia 55+ centre will be streaming the event onsite with light refreshments
* Mother’s Day Traditional Pow Wow – May 7th at Trout Lake Community Centre
  + Craft Collective will have a table, as well as active 55+ members
* Britannia Markets (Jun-Oct) – Register now for tables with Arts & Culture
  + [helen.spaxman@vancouver.ca](mailto:helen.spaxman@vancouver.ca)
  + Craft Collective has a table

**Past Items:**

* Connection with Artists and painting inside the 55+ Centre Update – tabled
* Older youth in AML Update – tabled
* Lytton Fundraising Update
  + Daniel has been in contact with LFN band office, communication has been slow but will update once progress has been made to ensure funds raised gets delivered

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Next SEA Meeting: **Wednesday May 18, 2022**