

**MINUTES**

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

Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022 3:15pm Hybrid

**Present:** Celia Wong (Chair), Noreen Ma (VPL), Vera Jones, Christine Johnson (guest), Cynthia Low, Logan Thackray (guest), Sharon Williams, Annie Danilko, Lora Masotti, Kya Prince, Anne Cowan, Daniel Cook

**Land Acknowledgment:** Daniel Cook

**Opening Prayer:** Vera Jones

Introductions and Thanks to Vera and Daniel

**Christine Johnson:** **Indian Day School Coordinator**

IRSSS - Indian Residential School Survivors Society

-Christine providing Advocacy for IDS and Scholar applications

-IDS deadline is July 13th want to provide support now for Urban Indigenous population

-Will have pop-up office hours at Britannia

- March 20th 10-3pm table at Intercultural Spring Market – 55+ staff will send info. to Christine asap

- can also offer online workshops

- is there space available in Britannia Library (hrs for Christine to be there)? Noreen will get back to us.

- Vera and or other IRSSS support workers will be available with Christine

- Will work with Christine to find other venues and community opportunities

**Discussion:** about difference between day schools and scholar and deadlines. Christine also invited to attend the next RIA meeting on Feb 28th.

**Previous Minutes:**

Move: to Accept previous SEA Committee Minutes in Board Report Format

Annie Danilko /2nd Vera Jones

All those not in acceptance/None

**RIA Committee Meeting: Jan 26th**

* Thanks to Vera for Chairing the Jan 26th RIA Committee meeting, well done
* Well attended 1st meeting of the New Year
* Good to have REACH and other Partners attend
* Lots of new faces and Introductions
* Action Items to be identified
* Cynthia shared and went through RIA minutes
* Next RIA meeting welcomes SEA

**Program Updates:**

YMCA Literacy Program

* + Unfortunately program funding is now gone. Many thanks to Conroy Jones for his continued support offering online Computer Classes throughout the pandemic. Conroy will continue to support any Seniors and Elders who might need assistance. Looking at future possibilities for Computer Classes

Music Intima and Dance Performance

* + Special in person performance for Elders, Seniors and Youth. Gym D Feb 11th 3:30pm. Indigenous Dance Choreographer Olivia C Davies and Chorus master Jacob Gramit and Music Intima Chorus. Special thanks to Brit Elementary School Grade 7 class for giving up their gym time and offer to set-up.
  + Tied in with *in person* Friday Wellness Café *soft launch*. 55+ Wellness program now includes foot care, chair yoga and Café’

HATTA – new 15 wk. session

* + Beginning Feb 17th Class is full and well under way. Kya working on Dancing Hats to life event. Will tie in with Revitalization and Pavillion project.

WOCT Mon/Wed Crafts and Weaving

* + Monday Craft classes are full and well under way. Hybrid model working well to accommodate everyone’s comfort level and needs
  + Wednesday Weaving continues online and Monday Drum Circle varies

Quirke – continue to meet Online only

-Continue to meet weekly (11am-1pm) every Wednesday

- Members continue to be active in community programs

Onsite Programs - In person

* + Osteofit begins again on Mon Feb 28th,
  + Line Dancing, Chinese Folk and Classical Dance classes both full,
  + Boxfit begins again Feb 22nd,
  + Chair Yoga class is full with many new members,
  + Foot Care – ending in March, Nurse Monica moving to Luma’ Health Centre (fulltime),

Past Items:

Connection with Artists and painting inside the 55+ Centre Update, Cynthia

* + - Project proposal and Artist Call will be put together
    - Collaboration Arts and Culture Area with SEA
    - SEA Working Committee – Annie Prince, Vera Jones and others to work on terms and selection. More info. to come
    - Timeline for completion: December 2022

Older youth in AML Update – TBA –

* + - SEA and staff have found time and space available in the 55+ Centre

Lytton Fundraising Update

* + - Daniel has emailed Lytton Nation and has now received a contact

Canada Community Revitalization Fund to activate – Tents

* + - RIA Committee have received Grant funding to activate Carving Pavilion
    - Involve Artisan Community
    - Celebration and Market on March 20th will include

- Skateboarding community

- Kat Norris MC

-Tents (Call out to Home nations to create tent design pending)

- Summer Events and Community engagement

Anti Racism Anti Oppression community engagement

* + - Black History Month.

Discussion: How do we express cultural diversity? Meaningful and not performative.

* + Proposal Use our displays for community members to tell their stories:
  + Staff will work with community and members by getting the word out, assist access to share cultural stories.
  + Monthly displays space will be available to community
  + More info. and outline will go to staff.

Renewal – Cultural and Social Non-Profit Hub project

* + Cynthia met with VELAC how do you envision a non profit social hub?
  + Renewal Meet 3rd Tues of month

Discussion: Non profit Hub

* + March 20th Activities and Market
  + Bringing Artist and Cultural folks back to Brit Community
  + Protected space for Elders

Additions:

* + BC Family Day - Online Workshop Make your Own Bannock (Haida) also Free admission to Bill Reid Gallery on Sat. Feb 19th

Meeting adjourn: 5:30pm

Next SEA Meeting: **Wednesday, March 16 2022**