

**MINUTES**

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

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 3:15pm through Zoom

**Present:** Daniel, Kya, Anne, Annie Dan, Vera, Deborah, Todd, Alice, Sabian, Ben, Cynthia, Ariel, Noreen, Lora, Laurel, Pat, Myra, Cylia

**Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgment:** Daniel

**Britannia Planning and Development Update – Cynthia;**

* Working Group made out of board members to gather information from the community in regards to the Britannia Renewal – Mandate available
* Two main streams of consultation with the city – Squamish band members have been hired to help with indigenous engagement;
	+ They are to contact 55+ staff in regards to SEA/Indigenous members input
	+ Master Plan to be sent out as a refresher

**Programs and Updates;**

* Onsite Programs
	+ Still on hold until Feb. 5 based on new PHO
* Income Tax Clinics
	+ Anne, Luong, and Yao meeting to host Virtual Online Income Tax Clinics
	+ Once sorted out will promote on all 55+ related sites
	+ 2019 and 2020 will be made available to file
	+ Reminder to apply for BC Recovery Benefit Package before June 30th 2021
* Drum Circle
	+ Re-evaluation on moving forward due to sound quality
	+ Studio times are now able to be booked based on AML staff schedules
	+ $ possibly available from Britannia for studio supplies – contact board to apply
* Monday Crafts
	+ Plans to increase project difficulty since participants have been reoccurring throughout the sets
* Wednesday Crafts
	+ Class time for both Mon/Wed classes are now 1pm-4pm
	+ Printout sheets with a new QR Code that links to Todd’s websites for instructions on that week’s project added to each package - Daniel will set up a Zoom/WebEx class on how to use QR Codes
* HATTA – Tabled
* Quirk-e – Tabled
* Craft Collective – 4 projects have been picked for the year – CC Meetings;
	+ Red Dress Pins – MMIW&G – Tuesday Jan 12/21
	+ Purple Pins – Senior and Elder Abuse Awareness – Tuesday May 4/21
	+ Orange Shirt Day Pins – Residential School Survivors – Tuesday Aug 3/21
	+ Poppy Pins –Veterans Day – Tues Oct 5/21
	+ Contact Daniel.cook@vancouver.ca anne.cowan@vancouver.ca kya.prince@vacnouver.ca to participate

**Connection to Kith & Kin;**

* This program is planned and delivered in partnership with the Indian Residential School Survivors Society, Britannia Community Services Society, and Library and Archives Canada
* Presentation on ongoing project
	+ Todd, Sabian, Myra, Vera, Daniel are all connections and support to CKK Project with Ariel and Noreen
* <https://www.vpl.ca/program/kith-kin>
* Importance of projects like this one are highly valued and appreciated by committee and community members alike

**COVID Assessment Project –** **Cynthia, Emily & Ben;**

* Britannia’s COVID-19 response from March – October 2020
* First round of surveys and interviews being with community staff, volunteers, and members
* Results will be shared in open reports, one for community members and one as recommendations to the COV
* Contact blicks97@student.ubc.ca and Cynthia.low@vancouver.ca if interested in participating

**Events;**

* MMIW&G Red Dress Day – Feb 14 2021
	+ Red Dress Pins – options to either just cut out the dresses, just decorate or both. Pins to be distributed throughout the Britannia site, students, and members before and on Feb 14
	+ Can be picked up/dropped off from 55+ or through regular craft deliveries
	+ Pin making through Zoom – Jan 28 & Feb 4
* DTES Annual Fry Bread Giveaway – tabled
* Friday Bingo and Hangout – tabled

**Additions;**

* Reminder to members to contact either their own support groups, 55+ staff or Vera Jones @ verajones@irsss.ca in support and after care of meetings if needed. Our discussions are open spaces that can lead to heavy topics and we do not want anyone leaving to meetings to feel unsupported in their mental and emotional safety or wellbeing.

**Next SEA Meeting:** February 17th 2021 3:15pm via Zoom