

Minutes – Annual General

Britannia

Meeting – May 27, 2015

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 27, 2015
Gym D - 6:13 p.m.**

1. Call to order

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President of the Board of Management at 6:13 p.m.

Elder Gerry Oleman opened the evening with a greeting. He noted we are on Coast Salish unseated Territory.

2. Agenda and Notice of the Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND NOTICE FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THE NOTICE OF MEETING WAS CIRCULATED IN THE COURIER FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. TO ADD AN ADDITION TO THE AGENDA YOUTH MATTER REPORT.

Craig Ollenberger/Penny Street

Carried

3. Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014.

Eva Sharell/Ingrid Kolsteren

Carried

3. President's Report

Gwen presented the President's report, she highlighted the Art Gallery in the Library and the Carving Pavilion. She also talked about the future planning that will be happening at Britannia Centre.

She introduced the Britannia Support Society – Jukka Vuorma spoke on behalf of Geoff Taylor and Mike Evans. Established in 1993, the Britannia Support Society provides a bridge in expanding the opportunities and means available to Britannia students.

The Society supports a wide variety of student activities and programs: from athletic equipment and uniforms to field trips, academics, with the goal of enhancing student learning and engagement.

Helping Britannia students excel is our motto.

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MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Ed Stringer/Brendan Boylan

Carried

4. Executive Director's Report

Cynthia Low, Executive Director welcomed everyone and noted that her report was on page 4 of the Annual report. She stated that successes are really important. Britannia is driven by the community. She talked about Kickstand who has been the active transportation project. A number of retirements have caused a great deal of sadness. Very senior staffing people particularly Amie Smith contributed a great deal to Britannia and is missed.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Penny Street/Craig Ollenberger

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

John Flipse, the current Britannia Treasurer presented his report. He referred to page 11 of the annual report for his comments and Page 12 and 13 as the financial statements noting that a complete copy of financial statements are available through Cynthia Low, Executive Director or Natalie Bailey our Manager.

John explained that the Capital Asset change in funds is due to the building of the Carving Pavilion.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Ken Ciochon/Eva Sharell

Carried

MOTION: TO APPOINT KPMG AS THE AUDITOR FOR 2015/

Ellen Schultz/Penny Street

Carried

6. **Youth Matters** – Scott Clark reported on this issue. Scott stated that we don't see a lot of aboriginal people at Britannia. He stated that he informed the membership that he was here to be an advocate for the members when he stood for the Board. The Place Based approach was presented to the Board but was not supported. He asked for some direction from the membership. .

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Scott stated that two meetings were held but no action has been taken by the Board to advocate or support a program that goes from pre-natal to post-secondary. We don't measure how we engage vulnerable populations. Community forums were held. We provided the information to the Board and Executive Director.

He asked that the direction from the floor be for Britannia to support Place Based strategy and investigate an approach to move this forward

MOTION: That the membership directs the Board and staff of Britannia to develop a comprehensive place based inclusion strategy to reach out and involve all the vulnerable children in the Britannia Area in the activities of the centre.

Judy McGuire/David Parent

CARRIED

10 Abstained

Oliver Conway was opposed.

The Chair stated that we will review the bylaws for the legality of the motion and if it is out of order we will hold a special general meeting in September and the body of this motion will be sent to the membership so they know what is under discussion. Planning and Development Committee.

7. Planning and Development

Penny Street – reported on the committee process for renewal of the site. The Committee is approaching the project by working with the site partners for the redevelopment of the entire 18 acre site. If you would like to help make important decisions join the planning and development committee they will be making the decisions. Some of the items are a new pool, revitalized rink, a new library, a new fitness centre, a variety of spaces for programs and a presence on the drive. The citizens assembly are recommending that Templeton pool be maintained.

She talked about the other centres that they toured to gain ideas and see what worked.

8. Introduction of Election Process

Gwen introduced and thanked Ray Gallagher for his past service to the Board as the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Member at Large; but I fully expect we will see Ray around the site. She also expressed her appreciation for the Board that has been sitting; she acknowledged all those that give of their time and effort for the betterment of Britannia and the services we offer. She mentioned Meseret Taye and Oliver Conway and their service to the Board and Committees.

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Ray Gallagher introduced the election process.

Our two students have agreed to stand for their final year on the Board as they will be attending University in Vancouver. So we have 7 two year positions that will be voted on this evening. Ray asked each candidate if they wished to stand and to take a seat at the front of the room.

CANDIDATES

Jean Paul Beran

Brendan Boylan

Ye Chu

Susanne Dahlin – Ingrid Kolsteren spoke on her behalf as Susanne was out of the country.

Aaron Giesbrecht

Heather Hay

Freya Kristensen

Juan Carlos Maldonald

Tyrus Tracey not Tracey Tyrus

Ray then opened the floor and called for nominations three times.

MOTION: TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS

Carol Brown/Ellen Schultz

Carried

Each candidate was allowed two minutes to speak.

EACH CANDIDATE WAS GIVEN TWO MINUTES TO PRESENT A SPEECH. The floor was opened for questions.

ELECTION RESULTS were presented by a spokesperson Sheila for the students.

Elected for 2 years 2015-2017 7 positions.

Brendan Boylan

Ye Chu

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Susanne Dahlin

Aaron Giesbrecht

Heather Hay

Freya Kristensen

Tyrus Tracey

Gwen Giesbrecht asked for a motion to destroy the ballots

MOTION: TO DESTROY THE BALLOTS.

Ellen Schultz/Ray Gallagher

Carried

The new Board was asked to attend a short meeting in the Information Centre. Eva Sharell thanked everyone for standing for election and attending the Annual General meeting.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2015.

Carried

Ellen Schultz/Ingrid Kolsteren

Carried