

Britannia Board Meeting

June 11, 2014

Board Room – Information Centre

PRESENT: Gwen Giesbrecht, Chairperson; Ray Gallagher, Peter Odynsky, Susanne Dahlin, Oliver Conway, Craig Ollenberger, Ed Stringer, Oles Andrienko, Mary Arakelyan, Scott Clark, David Parent, Edward Stringer, Alex McKechnie. John Flipse, Morna McLeod

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Natalie Bailey, Brenda Coombs (recording); Sabine Tanasiuk

REGRETS: Ingrid Kolsteren, Meseret Taye, Geoff Taylor, Beth Davies

Call to order by Gwen Giesbrecht, President 6:05PM

1. Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, WITH ADDITIONS, FOR THE BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2014.

Susanne Dahlin/Ed Stringer

CARRIED

Additions:

Micro Footie in-conjunction with World Cup Celebration

Update on Teachers' job action

Old Business C) In Camera for Executive only

Learning Centre

Youth at Risk Update

Astorino Update under Committee Reports

Gwen stated we are going to keep to the agenda, and speakers will be timed.

2. Minutes of May 14, 2014 and after AGM May 28

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2014 WITH AN EXPLANATION FOR THE LIABILITY ISSUE IN THE AUDIT.

Ray Gallagher/Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

AUDIT: Benefit Allowance explained: listed on the audit is a Benefit Allowance that sits on the balance sheet.

Under the Society, Park Board and Childcare budget there is time accrued for vacation, gratuity time (credit received if no sick time taken); retirement banks that are allowed under the collective agreement and under the exempt contracts for the Society exempt staff and the Park

Board staff. This liability for the Society, Park Board and Exempt staff is covered as part of the City budget; the amounts earned correspond to the individual time banks under the contract or collective agreement.

The child care accrual for vacation, gratuity time, retirement allowance is the responsibility of the Society (funds would be taken from the Child Care Reserves).

Minutes of May 28, 2014

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 28TH THE MEETING HELD AFTER THE AGM TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT WITH A CORRECTION TO THE SPELLING OF CRAIG OLLENBERGER ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 7.

Morna McLeod /Ed Stringer

CARRIED

3. Micro Footie and World Cup

We are holding an event for Micro Footie and World Cup Soccer viewing. Cynthia has had the plan reviewed and approved by the City of Vancouver. The event will be June 14 and the live broadcasting will be 2:30 to 5:00 pm. There will be on duty police officers, security, staff and volunteers overseeing the event.

11:00 am - First Nations Welcome and Performance

12:00 pm - Carnival Band

1:30 pm - Taiko Drumming

2:00 pm - Micro Footie Parade

2:30 pm - Pre-game Show Broadcast

3-5 pm - England vs. Italy Broadcast

5:00 pm - Post-game Show Broadcast

4. Dates of Board meetings

Circulated with the Board package was a Calendar of Board, Executive and Finance meeting dates for 2014-2015 for Board approval. The Board is also approving the 2015 Annual General Meeting date which may be held in May or June under the bylaws. The date for the Annual Meeting is printed on the membership cards which are produced in July of 2014 and expire August 31, 2015.

Cynthia added: Finance Workshop will be held on 3rd Wednesday, September 17th, 2014

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE DATES AS CIRCULATED FOR BOARD, EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE MEETINGS; INCLUDING MAY 27, 2015 FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Ed Stringer/David Parent

CARRIED

5. Teacher's Labour Negotiations

Cynthia circulated a briefing update, thanks were expressed to Natalie Bailey, Sabine Tanasiuk and Lorraine Evans who is a shop steward and has been assisting with issues on site. It has been a challenge to provide up to date information. Strike action is limited to areas that do not impact all of our operations; with the exception of the ice rink which was closed May 26, June 6, and June 11. Loss of revenue was approximately \$5,000. The rink closure is due to no engineer on site to check the ice rink plant.

Canucks Family Education Centre and Community Education programs were cancelled. Most non-ice programs in the rink have been relocated to other areas. We are working collaboratively with affected unions and members on site. Lord Nelson childcare has been moved to Grandview, loss of revenue yet to be determined. There were a number of child care spaces available as a result of the relocation of the Lord Nelson program.

6. Carving Pavilion

A briefing note was circulated which included information on budget, impacts and considerations. We have secured approximately \$381,000 in funding. This morning the City of Vancouver has approved funding of \$210,000 and use of city lands. There is still \$113,000 to be secured. Total construction budget is \$493,748.

Some Board members stated they have received feedback and questions on the location of the pavilion. The trees and moving the pavilion mitigated some of the concerns that Britannia heard. Vancouver School Board to provide maintenance costs for the pavilion. Phase I will start in July 2014, with project completion in September 2014.

We have posted information in the pool and the rink about the pavilion with the statement that if you have concerns contact Cynthia Low. We will also be posting information in the parking lot. Hopefully an information board will be up by next week in the parking lot. A suggestion to have comment sheets in the pool and the rink that be made available to the public.

The Advisory Committee, made up of representatives from the City, VSB and Britannia have been working on this project. Consultation has included aboriginal service providers, Native Health, Aboriginal Support Workers, UNYA, Vancouver School Board, Britannia Teen Centre, StreetFront, and Ray Cam Community Centre. The vision for programming is very important.

National Aboriginal Day – we will be celebrating Tuesday, June 24, 2014. The Library and Britannia were going to host events from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm; with the job action that is a maybe. Sod turning for the pavilion may happen on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

e) Vancouver East Lions Housing

Discussion on the Lion's Club concerns and moving their programs to Britannia.

MOTION: TO GO IN CAMERA

Morna McLeod/John Flipse

CARRIED

MOTION: TO GO OUT OF CAMERA.

John Flipse/Ray Gallagher

CARRIED

f) Learning Centre update

Learning Centre at Britannia may close at the end of December unless further funding is found. The staff union is strongly advocating against the loss in services.

Cynthia suggested that we bring information to the Board about actions that could be taken to stop the loss of the Learning Centre. The previous letter that was drafted and approved at a previous Board meeting will now go out. There is a campaign through the faculty union about ESL programs. In the learning centre there are postcards that people can send. There is a Facebook campaign. Cynthia will gather the information. The Learning Centre program is at nine centres and Britannia Learning Centre has about 35 hours of programming. The funding is about \$800,000 to \$900,000 with nine staff.

We will add to the previous drafted letter and we will send it out electronically for information.

We can also facilitate a meeting, people need to come together and talk about advocacy. We need to engage and get involved. An active student campaign should be considered. At the moment there is a long term campaign going on.

Oliver, Scott, Morna, expressed interest in having an Ad Hoc Committee to talk about the issues with the Learning Centre and they will update Ingrid as she may be interested in sitting on the Committee. They will set a timeline and an action date. Cynthia will email people who are not here this evening. We will try to meet in the next two weeks. The letter needs to be sent as soon as possible.

g) Youth Update

Cynthia stated there was a previous meeting held with representatives of youth agencies in the area; the agenda included systemic items that youth are facing. There has been groups meeting; - Broadway Youth table meet at Britannia and BackFast. There has not been much movement around youth emergency housing. Most of the social workers were not available after 4:30 pm, which is an issue in the evening, the Ministry has put some additional resources to assist with the issues facing youth. We are working with Vancouver Coastal Health. Vancouver Coastal Health and Vancouver School Board are in discussions. Vandalism has dropped on site. Evidence of drinking has dropped on the site. UNYA has a full time Alcohol and Drug counsellor on site. Not a lot of movement in systemic changes.

Very complex issues are facing us. Integration is needed with all agencies dealing with youth. The Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond report shows a very dysfunctional system and a dysfunctional service model. It is difficult to see a means to actually measure how we are doing with the most vulnerable children and families. Britannia Strategic plan must have tools and a measurement plan in the area of youth. We need regular reports to the Board on the issues. We should find a better way to integrate and provide services. Also the use of measurement tools, to see what is happening; and what is needed and to provide these services.

There should be updating on youth issues at every meeting. We have a strategic draft of priority actions and that can come to the Board in September for directions. The City has established new positions; one is a Coordinator for women in the downtown eastside. Britannia has not experienced any reduction in services.

There is a model that is called Promise Neighbourhood to improve educational outcomes for students in distressed urban and rural neighborhoods in the United States. It is worth looking at the model. We can provide input to the Grandview Woodland Area Plan. A lot of documents are already compiled and a group could put a package together and bring back to the Board.

MOTION: TO FORM A YOUTH MATTERS WORKING COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Scott Clark/Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

Alex, Mary, Scott, Susanne all stated they would sit on the committee. Cynthia will send out a meeting reminder for the first meeting

5. Partners' Reports

a) **Vancouver Park Board** – The report was circulated in the Board mailing. The Human Resources recruitment team process has started. The City has set up a special group that will short list candidates based on criteria and then forward the names to the individual worksite. Our Arts and Culture Programmer position will be part of the new process. We also have a Latin American Youth Worker position and Volunteer Coordinator position to fill.

June 15-21 the Recreation staff will be out in the community and talking to the public about programs.

Special Events include:

- East Feast, Art Gallery,
- International Yarn Bombing Day,
- Italian Day,
- Vancouver Draw Down events June 14th.
- Artful Sundays being planned for August.
- Vancouver Cooperative Radio Books and Records fundraiser.
- Gymnaestrada was amazing and a huge success.
- Planning week long gymnastics camps during the summer.
- Micro Footie and World Cup Soccer events going well.
- Seniors working on a storybook.
- Seniors Action Day and working on Lions Den programming.
- QUIRKY had a fund raiser recently.
- Shift pick will start in September in the rinks in Vancouver
- Participated in City Wide Youth Week
- Play it Fair training this weekend for youth workers. We will host a "Play It Fair " day on August 12.

- b) **Vancouver Library** – report circulated in package. Erie highlighted in the report:

Staff training in Community Engagement and attendance at the presentation on Maximizing the Library experience. The branch hosted a new group Britannia Women Artists Think Tank (WATT) in the Art Gallery.

- c) **Vancouver School Board** – Geoff Taylor and Mike Evans were not available – The Grad Ceremony was a success, held at the Italian Cultural Centre.

Break – 8:06 pm

Reconvene 8:22 pm

7. Correspondence – file circulated.

8. Committee Reports

- a) **Executive Committee** - the next meeting the meeting will be held on June 25 at 7:30 pm.
- b) **Finance Committee** - the next meeting June 25
- c) **Board Development** - As Vice President of the Board Ray Gallagher will be the committee chairperson. Part of the committee work is the set-up of a Finance Workshop for Board members. They also will be looking the planning of Board workshops as well. It will be a good year. Sabine said she can offer assistance to Ray on Board workshops as she is developing workshops with the hub Boards.
- d) **Arts and Cultural Committee** – no report
- e) **Child Care Committee** – no report
- f) **Library Committee** – no report
- g) **Planning and Development** – Susanne reported. We had a field trip on Saturday, using the Britannia Van. The group visited North Van and one centre in Vancouver. Really good people that shared about their process. Meeting tomorrow, the Committee will meet through the summer as we want plan a charrette; the charrette has become a technique for consulting with all stakeholders. Exciting to see the potential.
- h) **Program Committee** – no report
- i) **Seniors Committee** – this was discussed under the Vancouver Park Board report presented by Peter.
- j) **Youth Committee** – no report
- k) **Volunteer Committee** – this committee reports to the Program Committee. Cynthia and David will talk and prepare a briefing note.
- l) **Astorino's Committee** – the Board expressed desire to be updated regularly. In general there were some minor issues that were dealt with. Events that happened at Astorino such as a rave event that we heard some concerns on. We are \$49 to the good. We have a tremendous number of sponsorship applications. The lease is due on the 31st of December.

9. Administrators' Reports

- a) **Executive Director** – written report circulated with Board mailing. I have been meeting with the groups from the child care hub in order to get the administrative agreement signed, three groups committed to date.
Boxing club – called Trojan – we have had discussions, and are looking at cost benefit analysis. We have talked to the schools about the potential for schools to use the Boxing club as well as discussions with the teen centre. We are doing the installation of the necessary items for the club to operate including: electricity, wall mounts that we are paying for. Peter is also involved in this process. Fee structure for the program is a monthly membership. There will be a revenue share; the program will be integrated within our structure. Once operating we will do a three month review.

MOTION: TO EXTEND THE MEETING BY ½ HR.

John Flipse/Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

- b) **Manager of Administration** – report circulated with the Board package. Currently we are working on filling three positions Recreation Programmer II, Activity Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator. We will also be filling RPT (regular part time) cashier as the incumbent is going on maternity leave.

The Volunteer Committee is in need of a Board Volunteer as a member.

Hiring panel for Volunteer Coordinator position: David Parent is interested in the Volunteer Coordinator panel.

Facilities – a lot of concern about the pool filter; we had it tested and it is in pretty good shape.

- c) **Manager of Child Care** – written report circulated with Board package. It has been a busy couple of weeks because of the strike, child care sites are affected. Concern about the strike over the summer and any possible impact. Natalie has been working closely with the VSB on issues related to the strike. Briefing note will be put together over the Britannia child care back yard; we are applying for a grant, \$60,000, so we will be looking for matching funds out of the child care contingency fund.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS

Ray Gallagher/Ed Stringer

CARRIED

10. OTHER

Appreciations – Thanks were expressed for the sensitivity from the Board members re: the strike on site.

Noticed improvement in the meeting with timekeeping

Announcements – June 20th Ray Cam 2:00-6:00 pm - Event "Where Change Happens - Reconciliation in Action" Keynote is Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond B.C. representative for child care youth. Wendy Grant-John - Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women and Dr. Evan Adams, Deputy Provincial Health Officer.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE BOARD MEETING AT 9:08 pm

Craig Ollenberger/Ed Stringer

CARRIED