

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
Gym D and Online Zoom - 6:00pm**

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Ingrid Kolsteren at 6:11pm.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Audrey Siegl shared the welcome and acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

John Flipse / Vera Jones

CARRIED

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022.

Pamela Dudas / Melanie Berglind

CARRIED

2. President Welcome - Annie Danilko

Britannia is so grateful to our generous three host nations, and we are committed to taking care of this land and all its resources.

The first Shine Intercultural Market was held in March 2022.

Britannia helped behind the scenes to bring back the Mother's Day Powwow to Trout Lake in May 2022.

Britannia loves supporting community driven programs and events, so we invite the community to approach us if they want to develop partnerships in community programming.

3. Treasures Report - John Flipse

The Board made a donation to the Britannia Foundation to ensure that a legacy is in place for years to come.

In previous years monies were set aside to fund a 5 year reconciliation program which rolled out at the beginning of 2023.

Copies of the complete audited statement are available for pick up if requested.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT AUDITED STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED.

John Flipse/ Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

MOTION: TO RETAIN KPMG AS AUDITOR FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR

John Flipse/ Annie Danilko

CARRIED

4. Executive Director Report- Cynthia Low

It's been a year of adaptation. In 2022 we supported those most affected by Covid and most vulnerable in our neighbourhood.

We continue to bring the values of listening to each other, to work together, to take care of each other, to create a society where we can all grow and prosper.

Several reviews across the site have taken place including the Art Gallery review and the Child Care Hub review.

Special thanks to Jeremy and the admin team for the work they do behind the scenes. Their work makes it easier for the team at Britannia to provide services to the community.

We continue to rely on the dedication of our volunteers and staff and the board of management.

5. Q&A

The floor was opened for questions. No questions at this time.

6. RIA (Reconciliation In Action) Committee Report – Farren Gillaspie

The committee is made up of a mix of Indigenous people and settler people. 2022 focused on building partnerships by hosting Indigenous centered events like the Mother's Day Powwow and Orange Shirt Day.

The rainbow canoe was carved by Randall Bear Barnetson and is dedicated to the Britannia Student Council of 2021 and 2022 for their commitment and activism to create permanent sexual orientation and gender identity representatives on the student council.

Last year the board made a commitment of \$290,000 over the next 5 years which includes the hiring of a Manager of Organizational Change, a review of our governance model and changes to policy and procedures to make our site more inclusive.

7. Manager of Organizational Change Introduction - Suzette Amaya

Suzette spoke of her diverse Indigenous background with connections to the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation in Port Hardy, Coast Salish from Nanaimo, Nisga'a from the Nass Valley and Cree from Lac la Biche Alberta.

After working for 20+ years on the Downtown east side working in woman and children's centres, producing a show on CO-OP radio called "Think NDN", Suzette is so happy to be back working in the community she grew up in.

Suzette is working towards seeing the large indigenous population of this community fill the rooms of Britannia, because to date very few are accessing the services. She is excited to work with allies and other voices to make these changes come about.

Wants to continue to learn and grow and build community together and share each other's culture.

This summer we will learn protocol from Knowledge Keeper Diana Lewis from the Squamish Nation and be more understanding of the land we live on.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

Melanie Berglind/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

8. Q&A

The floor was opened for questions. No questions at this time.

9. Introduction of Election Process - Ingrid Kolsteren

Ingrid outlined the election process and how it will work. In person have paper ballots, and online click the blue Voting button when election opens.

Candidates bios are available and they will be able to make a 1 minute introductory speech before the vote. Peter is overseeing in person vote in Gym D.

10. Appreciations - Ingrid Kolsteren

On behalf of the Society, we recognize and thank our partners, Park Board Commissioner Laura Christensen, School Trustee Janet Fraser, Rose MacKenzie from Vancouver School Board, and from the Vancouver Public Library Randy Gatley.

Board members whose terms have come to an end are Vera Jones, Susanne Dahlin, Ariela Friedmann. Thank you to youth members Stephanie Slen and Emma Xu.

Break while bios reviewed.

Ingrid calls election open at 7:10

There are 6 two year positions, 1 one year staff position + 2 youth positions available.

Question for candidates – Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Ariela Friedmann, Vera Jones, Nicky Simpson, Terumi Squibb– are you standing for election? All - yes

Nominations from the floor?

Nominate Ama Birch and Sam Quastel for the youth positions by Stephanie Slen. Seconded by Susanne Dahlin

Nominate Melanie Berglind by Cynthia Low. Seconded by Carrie Gillon

Minutes – Annual General Meeting



Ingrid declared nominations closed.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS

Amelia Gubana/ Vera Jones

CARRIED

Board candidates given 1 min each to speak

Voting time

Results:

Elected – Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Ariela Friedmann, Vera Jones, Nicky Simpson and Terumi Squibb

Ingrid thanked everyone for standing for election and congratulated elected members.

Congrats to 2023 Board members!

ELECTED: Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Ariela Friedmann, Vera Jones, Nicki Simpson, Terumi Squibb, Ama Birch and Sam Quastel

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

Annie Danilko / Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 8:10pm

Vera Jones/ Amelia Gubana

CARRIED