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Britannia Board Meeting April 10, 2024

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Ama Birch, Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Ariela Friedmann, Farren Gillaspie, Pat Hogan, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Norm Leech, Sam Quastel, Terumi Squibb, Oliver Tennant, Naina Varshney, Tim McMillan (VPL), Nicky Simpson

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Peter Odynsky, Jeremy Shier, Marina Montiel-Mahseredjian (recording)

REGRETS: Rose MacKenzie, Jacky Hughes, Vera Jones, Craig Ollenberger, Tom Digby (VPB), Suzette Amaya

Call to Order

Chair Pamela Dudas called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Peter Odynsky shared gratitude and acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands of the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA
Sam Quastel / Naina Varshney

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2024.
Sam Quastel / Naina Varshney

CARRIED

3. Partner Reports

Vancouver School Board (Maddie L)

- Very busy time running many programs during spring break.
- Currently dealing with a string of security issues including break ins at the school and the school bus
- April's Spirit Week is coming up in 2 weeks and Cultural Day which will include food!
- Excited to partner with Suzette Amaya and Denise Johnson on a pilot program that will involve WCT and afterschool programming that will run activities with elders and knowledge keeps out of Grandview Elementary school.
- Congratulations to Chloe Huang, student council president at Britannia Secondary School, on becoming a Loran Scholar. The Loran Award offers a four-year leadership-

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enrichment program, financial support for undergrad, diverse opportunities for experiential learning, and a long-term supportive community of peers and mentors.

Vancouver Park Board

- Tom Digby was not present, so no report was provided.

Vancouver Public Library (Tim M)

- Tax clinic continues to be a huge success.
- Kith and Kin genealogy program runs on Tuesdays from 2-4:30pm from April 23 to Jun 11
- Story time, English Language Circles and the Summer Reading Club will all continue forward as planned.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Facilities Update (Peter O)

- The rink continues to undergo repairs. Pressure testing has been completed with inconclusive results, but there are no further leaks.
 - 7-8 weeks of repair
 - Skateboarding in the empty rink cannot be accommodated as it may cause more damage to the structure.
- The pool requires an air handling unit, but this pushed to the fall as a priority.

b. Elders in Residence (Cynthia L)

- Data collection for the Elders in Residence is now complete and Cecilia Rainwater will stay from now until August to make recommendations to the Elders program.
- A draft of the recommendations will be forwarded to the board for review.

c. Briefing Note: By-law Changes

Pages 1 & 2

Proposed changes to Article 6 - Meetings, Sections 1, 8, 10 & 15

Proposed changes to Article 9 – Borrowing Powers, Section 3

MOTION TO OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.

Ariela Friedmann / Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADVANCE POLICIES ON PAGES 1 & 2 TO THE BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Ariela Friedmann / Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

- John F noted that this process felt rushed and abstained.

By-law changes

Page 3

Proposed changes to Article 3 – Board of Management, Section 2

MOTION TO OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.

Susanne Dahlin / Norm Leech

CARRIED

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MOTION TO ADVANCE POLICIES ON PAGE 3 TO THE BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

Susanne Dahlin / Norm Leech

CARRIED

- John F abstained.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Board Development Meeting

- Confirm that everyone on the board has had their membership renewed.
- Board Planning Day will take place on either Oct 5 or Oct 6
 - Please keep these dates open until we secure a facilitator and finalize the date.

b. 2024 Priorities (Cynthia L)

- The search to find a consultant for the web redesign has begun.
 - Ariela F is the board representative for the consultant selection.
- There have been no new funding grants approved yet.
- Lots of hard work in the background to organize content and networking with city officials is happening.
- More priorities to be addressed in the 2nd Quarter.
- There has been a lot of In-Service Staff Training.
 - Suggestion to offset these obligations with fun activities for the staff to keep up moral.

c. Child Care (Pamela D)

- Consultants have been retained to do a feasibility study for the proposed childcare HUB
- We still need clarity on which societies will proceed with the amalgamation.
- The City of Vancouver has indicated that will work with larger CC organizations like the HUB rather than independent facilities.
 - If a society does not want to join the HUB they will have to hire a consultant at their own expense to facilitate this process

d. 5 Year Reconciliation Plan (Cynthia L)

- Suzette is ready to transition to focusing her work on policy and procedure
- WCT programming continues to have very positive outcomes.

e. Renewal (Susanne D)

- The Renewal committee met with Nicky and Craig to develop a readable background document on Britannia's history and our plans for the future.
- Outreach continues to lobby the renewal plan to other levels of government and move forward with the plans for the pool and child care.
- The renewal plan should be shared with the community at large because many people think the project in not going forward.

f. Special Events (Cynthia L)

- Kayachtn Pole Raising - April 11, 2024
- AGM - May 22, 2024

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- Spring Equinox Coffee House – April 21, 2024
- Shine: Intercultural Spring Market - June 2, 2024
- Father's Day Pow Wow – June 14/15/16, 2024

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- a. Community Recreation Coordinator (Peter O)
 - Report on p. 8-9
 - Indigenous Youth Worker position has been posted and received over 30 applications.
 - Rink repairs are ongoing. Full time staff are still working on site while some instructional staff have found employment elsewhere.
- b. Executive Director (Cynthia L)
 - Report on p.10
 - Cynthia will be away on holiday from Apr 18 – May 6, 2024
- c. Manager of Administrative Services (Jeremy S)
 - Report p.11-13
 - Preliminary 2023 Year End statements are ready. Final Year End statements will be ready for the May board meeting.
- d. Manager of Child Care (Cynthia L)
 - Report p.14-15
 - Jacky is planning on hiring regular Full Time and AUX Part Time office support workers which will free up some of her time so she can focus on planning the Child Care HUB.
- e. Manager of Organizational Change (Cynthia L)
 - Sunday April 14 Indigenous Concert Series starts in Grandview Park

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Volunteer Committee
 - The tax clinic at the library continues to be a success.
 - April 26 is the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
 - Reminder that paid staff working the event should not enter for door prizes.
 - Reminder to sign up and register for Volunteer Rides for Summer.
 - Thanks to Tom C for completing the Ride Leader Course

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Naina Varshney / Susanne Dahlin

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ariela Friedmann