

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting Dec 11, 2024

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Sonia Blair (VSB), Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Tom Digby (VPB), Pamela Dudas, Ariela Friedmann, Vera Jones, Norm Leech, Craig Ollenberger, Hanasa Shkur, Terumi Squibb, Naina Varshney

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

REGRETS: Adrienne Bale, Margaret Buxton, John Flipse, Pat Hogan, Jacky Hughes, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Nicki McGowan, Timothy McMillan (VPL), Eliot Scott

Call to Order

Norm Leech called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Norm Leech shared gratitude and acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 13, 2024.

Pamela Dudas / Susanne Dahlin
***one abstention**

ADOPT BY CONSENSUS

2. PARTNER'S REPORTS

a. VPB - Tom D

- Had a chance to attend the Britannia Holiday Craft Fair. Best wishes for the Holiday Season

b. VPL - from Tim's report

Our Toddler Storytime was a hit! This was the first season we offered a specific storytime for toddler age kids (18mos to 3yrs) and it was a runaway success averaging 40 attendees by the end of November. We will certainly offer a repeat series come January. We offered six sessions of the Connection to Kith and Kin Indigenous genealogy program with our partners the Indian Residential School Survivors Society and Library and Archives Canada. Once again we thank our friends at the Britannia Community Services Centre for their support.

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c. VSB - Sonia

Congratulations to Eliot for completing the full Seattle Marathon! It is basketball season and we are looking forward to 50th Anniversary of the Bruins Tournament. The Parent/Teacher conference had a strong turn out last week. We are looking to create a welcoming space at school and getting kids to attend the classes.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2025 Budget - Jeremy

Two budgets have been provided, the main budget and a budget that includes offsite childcare for the planned merger on Aug31. Once the merger goes through, the offsite childcare's financial statements would merge with our budget going back to January.

MOTION TO APPROVE BOTH BUDGETS AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Craig Ollenberger / Pamela Dudas
***one abstention**

PASSED BY MAJORITY

b. 2025 Priorities - Cynthia

The 2025 Priorities include a few items that have not been included in the budget that was just approved. This includes a new communications role, a fundraising role, and a \$50,000 budget to engage with host nations. A write up for these three requests with a detailed breakdown of the steps and how the funds will be spent. A first draft will be presented to the board in January and presented to the foundation in February.

c. Britannia Art Gallery – p.27

Review of Values, Mission and Vision Statement

MOTION TO APPROVE ART GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

Craig Ollenberger / Naina Varshney

Discussion: suggestion to remove the word “necessarily” from the last line of the statement.

MOTION TO SEND BACK STATEMENT TO BRITANNIA ART GALLERY WITH OUR SUPPORT AND CONSIDER OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR CLARITY

Craig Ollenberger / Pamela Dudas
***one abstention**

APPROVED BY MAJORITY

d. AGM Date

Tabled

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. Committee Appointments

Tabled

b. ReconciliAction - Suzette

Last Friday Suzette met with the Tsleil-Waututh Protocol Team. They expressed great interest in being involved with Britannia. Suggested renaming signage on site in hən̓q̓əmiñəm and other official languages. Offered to send rotating knowledge keepers from

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their nation as well as out trips with youth and elders to visit Britannia. In the future we will have a host nations' circle.

WCT has also been providing programming to elementary schools which has had a huge positive impact within the community. We are trying to get funding to expand this program and hire another PA.

c. Renewal - Susanne

5. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

a. Community Recreation Coordinator, report on p.7 – Peter

No questions.

b. Executive Director, report on p.9 – Cynthia

No questions.

c. Manager of Administrative Services, report on p.10 – Jeremy

No questions.

d. Manager of Child Care Services, report on p.23

No questions.

e. Manager of Organizational Change, report on p.24 – Suzette

No questions.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Arts & Culture

b. Board Development

c. Executive Committee

d. Finance Committee

e. Grandview Woodland Food Connection

f. SEA Committee

g. Volunteer

No questions.

7. ADJORNMENT

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Craig Ollenberger / Susanne Dahlin