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Britannia Board Meeting Nov 13, 2024

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Sonia Blair (VSB), Rebecca Brass, Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Tom Digby (VPB), Pamela Dudas, Ariela Friedmann, Pat Hogan, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Norm Leech, Nicki McGowan, Timothy McMillan (VPL), Craig Ollenberger, Eliot Scott, 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, Jacky Hughes, Vera Jones

Call to Order

Norm Leech called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

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

1. ADDITION TO TOPICS

Addition under New Business, Discussion on using the Google Drive for Board Documents.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL TOPICS TO THE AGENDA.

Pamela Dudas / Craig Ollenberger

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Rebecca Brass, the new Indigenous Community Youth Worker at the Teen Centre, introduced herself. She is a member of the Key First Nation which is located in Saskatchewan. Rebecca is Saulteaux/Cree on her mother's side and Panamanian on her father's side. Rebecca is excited to bring WCT programming to the Teen Centre starting this December. Welcome to Britannia Rebecca!

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF Oct 9, 2024.

Pamela Dudas / Ariela Friedmann

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4. PARTNER'S REPORTS

a. Vancouver Park Board, report on p.7-10 – Tom D & Peter

- Tom D: It's budget season at the Parks Board. Capital spending is going ahead at Britannia. The source of this money was for long term redevelopment, but it is now being used for specific aspects of maintenance or capital repair. In short term repairs are being made as we wait for the rest of the long-term funding. There are no longer any significant encampments in parks. Reasonable accommodations were offered to unhoused persons who live in parks. As a result, the number of encampments is down.
- Peter: Winter programming has started. Our site wide Inservice will take place on Monday November 18 with a focus on Reconciliation and de-escalation. Monday is the first day of the pool closure which will run through December. The fitness centre will stay open. The steam room is nearly finished. The rink currently has no serious issues. The City of Vancouver has increased their fees and charges by 7% starting on January 1st.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2025 PRICE INCREASES

Pamela Dudas / Craig Ollenberger

PASSED BY MAJORITY

b. VPL - Tim

October has been a busy month at the library with over 21,000 visitors. 82 patrons are currently attending adult programming while 736 youths are attending the various 25 children's programs. The Art on the iPad program has been very successful. Storytime for babies and toddlers runs to November 30, with a break in December. On Thursday December 12 the library will host Puppet Show: Winter Fun at 11am. Please check out the work in the Art Gallery. This month features a solo exhibition by Kai Isadore-Smith. Their practice centers on hide tanning, beading, photography and archival research.

c. VSB – Maddie, Eliot & Sonia

- Maddie: The beginning of the year has focused on creating a welcoming and safe space for students. The first PAC meeting was attended by 20 parents which is a good turnout. Great collaboration with partners on site in regard to critical incidents. Great communication amongst the partners. Soon we will meet with the elementary school to talk about the transition into high school and staying in the community. The Bruins Invitational is being held from Jan16-18, 2025 and will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary! Stay tuned for more info. WCT programming has been working with continuing education and has secured funding to offer WCT programming to more elementary schools in the community.
- Eliot: The Smoked Salmon workshop held at the elementary school looked exciting and kids were engaged. There is great vibe to school this year, with lots of school spirit.
- Sonia: I am getting to know the unique site and working on initiatives and projects. Britannia swag is currently on sale.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2025 Priorities, Briefing Note p11-16 - Cynthia

Briefing contains details on request of \$354,000 from the board.

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MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2025 PRIORITY ACTIONS IN PRINCIPLE

Susanne Dahlin / Naina Varshney

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Discussion on the breakdown of funding budget. Funds would most likely come from the Foundation. The budget needs to be approved by the next board meeting in December.

b. Google Drive - Jeremy

To easily access info such as historical documents, briefings, a spreadsheet of motions, etc., a Google Drive has been created that all board members will have access to.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. BOARD MEETING ROTATING CHAIR

Norm Leech will facilitate a Circle Meeting next month. We will try a different approach to our meeting with a new governance and meeting structure.

b. COMMITTEES

Tabled.

c. RECONCILIATION - Suzette

We are close to finding a suitable space on site on city property to place our urban Indigenous Pole. As the design of the pole is Kwakwaka'wakw, we will need consent from the three host nations. Each host nation has its own protocols that need to be observed when making initial contact. The protocols can be found on their respective sites. When the pole is raised, we plan on closing the pool and rink so all staff can attend.

d. RENEWAL - Susanne

During a recent meeting with Sandra Singh and Armin Amrolia, we indicated that we are ready to go forward with Building 1. We expressed that the \$17 million proposed to be used some of that work, if used those funds should be replaced for renewal. We also want to be put in line for pool work. We are currently after Kitsilano and the Vancouver Aquatic Centre. The communication plan for renewal is in the initial stages. We are working on a list of partners in the community to engage with.

7. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

a. Executive Director, report on p.11 – Cynthia

No questions.

b. Manager of Administrative Services, report on p.18-35 – Jeremy

We are soon start running through the surplus we have. WCT funds are now spent and will now go into a deficit. The pool closing will also lead to running into a deficit by the end of the year but this was budgeted for.

No questions.

c. Manager of Child Care Services, report on p. 36-37

Please refer to 2025 Priorities.

No questions.

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d. Manager of Organizational Change, report on p. 38 – Suzette
No questions.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Anti Racism Anti Oppression
- b. Arts & Culture
- c. Board Development
- d. Courts Skateboard
- e. Finance Committee
- f. Grandview Woodland Food Connection
- g. RIA Circle
- h. Volunteer

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT ITEMS INCLUDING MANAGERS REPORTS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger / Pamela Dudas

PASSED BY CONSENSUS

9. IN CAMERA

10. ADJORNMENT

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Pamela Dudas

PASSED BY CONSENSUS