

# MINUTES – BOARD



## Britannia Board Meeting Oct 9, 2024

### Via Zoom and Conference Room

**PRESENT:** Adrienne Bale, Margaret Buxton, Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, Ariela Friedmann, Vera Jones, Norm Leech, Nicki McGowan, Timothy McMillan (VPL), Craig Ollenberger, Hanasa Shkur, Terumi Squibb, Kimberley Constable (VPL)

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

**REGRETS:** Suzette Amaya, Tom Digby (VPB), John Flipse, Pat Hogan, Jacky Hughes, Maddie Lafleur (VSB) Eliot Scott, Naina Varshney

### Call to Order

Vera Jones called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Vera Jones shared gratitude and acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands of the xʷməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples.

### 1. ADDITION TO TOPICS

Under NEW BUSINESS

- Social Media
- Adding Partners

### MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL TOPICS TO THE AGENDA.

Susanne Dahlin / Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF Sept 11, 2024 with the addition of the introduction of the new Britannia Secondary School Principal, Sonia Blair.

Ariela Friedmann / Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. VANCOUVER PARK BOARD (PETER)

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We are preparing for the annual price increases which are expected to be between 6-7%. A briefing note will be brought to the November board meeting. 2025 budget planning is underway. Special events for 2025 that need city approval are also being submitted. We continue to support the new Indigenous Youth Worker, Rebecca Brass. The rink has been reopened after the closure due to brine failure. The steam room is also close to being completed. Congratulations to the Food Securities Team and their successful fundraising drive in August and September that raised over \$1800!

## b. VPL (TIM)

Tim McMillan was accompanied by Kimberley Constable the VPL Manager of Neighbourhood Services. Reading Buddies has started at the library and will continue until the end of November. The program involves Britannia high school students mentoring the Britannia elementary school students with their reading. The new Toddler Storytime program has taken off with attendance of upwards of 20 people per session. The Briannia Art Gallery is having an opening this evening for the new solo exhibition by Jocelyn Sanchez which will hang in the gallery until November 2, 2024.

## c. VSB (HANASA)

In September we observed Every Child Matters Day on Sept 26. There was a presentation in the auditorium that was very well attended. Currently we are working on planning the Terry Fox Run which will take place in two weeks.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

### a. BOARD PLANNING DEBRIEF (CYNTHIA)

Board Planning Day took place on Sunday October 6 with 11 board members in attendance. There was a police incident on site but everyone was safe. Leadership priorities were affirmed at the meeting. A draft of the notes from the facilitator will go to the Executive Committee

There was a discussion as to how future board meetings should be run so that the board moves beyond reading reports at meetings and is more focussed on making decisions. What does decolonizing the board meetings look like? Norm offered to provide literature and information on talking circles and restorative justice circles.

### b. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE RENWAL (JEREMY)

We are renewing the policy and holding it at 2 million as this keeps the board well covered. The cost for the year is \$770. This insurance is intended for coverage over and above general liabilities, (ie unpaid wages and a director's duty to act in good faith or potential conflict of interest).

### c. ADDING PARTNERS

We currently have no policies on how we select partners only guidelines.

### d. SOCIAL MEDIA

How and why do we use social media. We need to look at creating a stakeholder or community engagement strategy because our community does not know what is going on regarding our renewal. Although we have a Communication Assistant on staff, the position is funded by the City of Vancouver with a mandate to promote the recreation and social services offered at Britannia, but not promotion of the society. Cynthia will prepare a briefing document to address this issue.

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## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### a. BOARD MEETING ROTATING CHAIR

Norm Leech will be the Chairperson at the next board meeting on Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### b. COMMITTEES.

Tabled. Please ask to forward to board member liaisons the committee lists.

### c. RECONCILIATION

A spot has been chosen for a pole raising that has a tentative date of May 29, 2025. The pole will be placed outside the Info Centre and will face Easterly towards the Greenway. An intention was set to have an education aspect working with the schools and community to promote a greater understanding of what this pole raising means and how we can make this a reconciliation moment. The pole raising, the ceremony around this event and the duties of the witnesses and those who hand out coins should be a learning experience for the community. We also need to invite the business community and create a social media moment.

### d. RENEWAL

The renewal committee needs to regroup as currently they do not all have the same info and are not on the same page. Per the survey, we need to take a stronger stance on behalf of the board. We need to honour our plan and advocate for the issues we find and bring them to the city's attention. A small committee will meet and create a plan of action to move forward strategically.

### e. FALL & WINTER SPECIAL EVENTS.

Halloween All Ages Dance

Oct 31, 2024 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Gym D

Britannia Winter Craft Market

Nov 29, 2024 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Nov 30, 2024 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Dec 1, 2024 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Gym D

Staff Holiday Party

Dec 5, 2024 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Location: Slice of Life Gallery, 1636 Venables St

Breakfast with Elders

Dec 15, 2024 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Gym D

## 6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

### a. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CYNTHIA

Regarding fundraising our newest ventures have been implementing a donation button on our website that links to [Canadahelps.org](https://canadahelps.org). We have also had success with our TipTap machine that takes \$5 tap donations. We have also been lending out our TipTap machine to organizations with charitable status.

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## b. MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – JEREMY

Aug 2024 Financial Statements included in the board package for your reference and consideration. To note, the biggest reduction can be seen in Reconciliation revenue and the largest increase is found in Child Care.

## c. MANAGER OF CHILD CARE SERVICES – JACKY

Report on pg. 29 of the board package.

## d. MANAGER OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE – CYNTHIA

Suzette's report on pg. 31 of the board package.

We are in the initial stages of forming a relationship with the Host Nations Advisory Committee. We are hoping to have an Indigenous name in hə́nqəmiñəh, (the language of the Down River peoples of the Fraser Valley) gifted to the society for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2026.

## 7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Arts & Culture
- b. Anti Racism Anti Oppression
- c. Board Development
- d. Courts Skateboard
- e. Executive Committee
- f. Finance
- g. SEA
- h. Volunteer
- i. Weaving Community Together, RIA Circle

## MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED

Craig Ollenberger / Ariela Friedmann

CARRIED

## 8. IN CAMERA

## MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

Craig Ollenberger / Nicki McGowan

CARRIED

## 9. ADJORNMENT

## MOTION TO ADJOURN

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