

MINUTES – BOARD



Britannia Board Meeting Jun 11, 2025

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Adrienne Bale, Sonia Blair (VSB), Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Ariela Friedmann, Pat Hogan, Brenda Kyle, Norm Leech, Nicki McGowan, Craig Ollenberger, Terumi Squibb

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

REGRETS: Suzette Amaya, Tom Digby, Jacky Hughes, Vera Jones, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Timothy McMillan (VSB), Naina Varshney

Call to Order

Craig Ollenberger called the meeting to order at 6:11pm.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Craig Ollenberger shared gratitude and acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwəta? (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples.

1. ADDITION OF TOPICS

MOTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: Nomination of a new President.

John Flipse / Nicki McGowan

APPROVED

2.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 11, 2025.

John Flipse / Nicki McGowan

APPROVED

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3. PARTNER'S REPORTS

a. VSB - Sonia

Grad 2025 took place on June 10, 2025 with 120 students graduating. The dinner dance will take place on June 13, 2025. Congratulations to the Britannia team that came in first in the CanSat Design Challenge for Secondary Schools. The team will headed to the Netherlands to compete in the finals – good luck! Britannia students also brought home silver and gold wins from the CON BRIO Competition on May 8. UBC's Sauder School of Business is currently working with Indigenous students, helping them to shape their future career path and connecting them with the UBC Sauder community. Buckets and Borders is taking place at the high school right now, which helps to improve communities and bring people together through basketball. The students have been participating in this project with much enthusiasm. There will also be an unveiling of the new tennis courts on July 26th from 11am-4pm.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024 Audited Financial Statement – Jeremy

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUDITED 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

John Flipse / Tom Chang

APPROVED

b. By-law changes – Cynthia

MOTION TO REMOVE TERM LIMITS FROM THE SUGGESTED BYLAW CHANGES

John Flipse / Pamela Dudas

APPROVED

MOTION TO PUT FORWARD CHANGES TO ARTICLE 3 AND TO RESERVE TWO SPOTS ON THE BOARD FOR INDIGENOUS MEMBERS

John Flipse / Tom Chang

APPROVED

c. Child Care Update – Cynthia

The Eagles board has voted to merge with the Britannia Child Care Hub. We are still waiting for a decision from Grandview Terrace. Sept 1, 2025, is when the operational transfer will take place. The Interim contract between the BCGEU and CUPE15 still must be negotiated.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Strategic Planning – Cynthia

We have sent out surveys, hosted listening circles and have held meetings with staff to create our strategic plan. A facilitator along with working groups are looking to fill in the gaps, ie Youth voices and people who are new to community. Initial strategic plan selections to be presented at the July 9 board meeting, the September meeting and Board Planning Day.

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- b. 2026 50th Anniversary – Craig
Our 50th Anniversary is an opportunity to honour our past and look to the next 50 years. We are in the ideas stages of planning a community celebration, fund raising initiatives and how we will acknowledge our Indigenous Community presence. More to come!
- c. Renewal – Cynthia
Nothing to add at the time. The next Planning and Development Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17.
- d. ReconciliAction – Norm
The RIA Circle met yesterday with an attendance of our 20 people. Great feedback, the community was excited to be engaged. It was a very encouraging meeting.
- e. 2025 Priorities – Cynthia
Motion tables to July 9 Meeting

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

- a. Executive Director – Cynthia, report on p.33
The fund development volunteer is Ross Steward who is helping to create a database of donors.
- b. Community Recreation Coordinator – Peter, report on p.34-37
- c. Manager of Administrative Services – Jeremy, report on p.38-39
Clarification: We have received our funding for WCT from the Federal Government however the award is half the amount that was awarded last year. Grant funds, (gaming etc) will make up the difference to keep WCT programming going.
- d. Manager of Child Care Services – Jacky, report on p.40

7. CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Arts & Culture
 - b. Board Development Committee
 - c. Executive
 - d. Finance
 - e. Grandview Woodland Food Connection
 - f. SEA
 - g. Volunteer
- No questions.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND CONSENT ITEMS

Norm Leech / Nicki McGowan

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8. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

a. July Board Meeting

MOTION TO HAVE A BOARD MEETING ON JULY 9, 2025 AT 6PM.

John Flipse / Norm Leech

APPROVED WITH ONE ABSTENTION

b. Election of new Board President

On Friday May 23, 2025, Pamela Dudas resigned as President of the Board.

OPEN NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD PRESIDENT:

Naina Varshney

No other nominations

The new Board President is Naina Varshney

c. Art Gallery Group Representative

Brenda Kyle addressed the board, asking them to consider the recommendations made by the gallery group to put the gallery on pause, meet with the consultants, provide the compensation and for the appropriate apologies to go out sooner than later. The gallery group is looking forward to moving past these incidents.

9. IN CAMERA