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Britannia Board Meeting

Jan 15, 2025

Via Zoom and Conference Room

PRESENT: Adrienne Nicholas, Tom Chang, Susanne Dahlin, Tom Digby (VPB), Pamela Dudas, John Flipse, Ariela Friedmann, Pat Hogan, Norm Leech, Timothy McMillan (VPL), Craig Ollenberger, Hanasa Shkur, Terumi Squibb, Naina Varshney

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

REGRETS: Suzette Amaya, Sonia Blair (VSB), Vera Jones, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Nicki McGowan, Eliot Scott,

Call to Order

Norm Leech called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Craig Ollenberger shared gratitude and acknowledgement of the unceded ancestral lands of the x^wməθkwə'yəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwəta? (Tseil-Waututh) Peoples.

1. **ADDITION OF TOPICS – none at this time.**

2. **MOTION TO REVIEW THE MINUTES OF December 11, 2024.**

Pamela Dudas / Craig Ollenberger

ADOPT BY CONSENSUS

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF December 11, 2024.

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3. PARTNER'S REPORTS

a. VPB - Tom D

There has been no VPB meetings since the Dec board meeting so no updates at this time. A March or April by-election is planned to replace the Greens' Adrian Carr and OneCity's Christine Boyle and there are hopes it will attract strong candidates to fill the seats. Also be aware of the new policy for corporate sponsorship and naming rights. The changes do not include consultation of the First Nations. A larger discussion on this topic can be had at another time.

b. VPL – Tim

December was a quiet month. In the new year Storytime and Tech Support classes are back up and running. In collaboration with the 55+, a Free Store was held in December in the ALM and was a great success. In the Britannia Art Gallery an exhibit called Voices of Self Love - A group Art Exhibit by La Libélula is up until Jan 31, 2025. Sharing stories of resilience and self-love, brought to life by twelve local artists. The artist talk is on Jan 29 from 6-7:30.

c. VSB – Sonia & Maddie

No report. Both Sonia and Maddie are attending the 50th Annual Britannia Invitational Basketball Tournament.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Foundation Request – Cynthia

Request for funds to develop relations with the Host Nations, develop new communications practices and to develop diverse revenue streams. A draft of the request will go to the Foundation in the 1st week of March. Any feedback including more specifics and proofing to be completed by the end of February. The Foundation will be invited to the March board meeting. Please read over the request and send any feedback or suggestions to Cynthia.

b. Statement of Care – Cynthia

Statement was drafted with the intention of providing more transparency in how the Britannia Art Gallery operates in partnership with Britannia Community Centre Services Society and the VPL in response to concerns that the art exhibited was inappropriate for public spaces and there were requests to remove the art work. This document is still being workshopped. Please send any feedback you have to Cynthia. On April 26 and April 30 the library will hold a Talking Circle in support of open communication between the community and the partners on site.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. AGM Date – Craig

Request to change the AGM from May to September.

Suggested schedule:

Sept 10 – Regular board meeting

Sept 17 – AGM

Oct 5 – Board Planning Day

Oct 8 – Elect New Executive Members

5 – votes to change to September schedule

3 – votes to keep the AGM in May

1 - abstention

Majority vote to change to September.

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b. Child Care – Jacky

We continue to move forward with the merger and are working with consultants on a more detailed organizational chart, a union transition plan and a review of policy changes. Also currently working with legal on wind down documents and drafting agreements.

c. Committees – Pamela

Tabled.

d. ReconciliAction – Norm

A program review/audit to take place within the next year. There needs to be consistency throughout the site and within the programs to create the safe space we hope to provide.

e. Renewal – Susanne / Pamela

Not much to report as Sandra Singh did not have a meeting with their staff in November, December or January. We are considering our response to Sandra very carefully.

Pamela has decided to put her name forward for nomination to the Green Party for City Council candidate in the next by-election.

6. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

a. Community Recreation Coordinator – Peter, report on p.12-13

Update on the steam room – a tiler has been hired and will complete the tiling in the steam room. Skylights to be completed this summer.

b. Executive Director – Cynthia, report on p.14

c. Manager of Administrative Services – Jeremy

d. Manager of Child Care Services – Jacky, report on p.15

We will be opening 25 spaces for 3-5 year olds in replacement of Mt Pleasant called Britannia Child Care on East 7th. Of the 37 Mt Pleasant families, 24 has enrolled in the new centre. It will start up on April 1, 2025. There will also be 12 more out of school care spaces opening up.

e. Manager of Organizational Change – Suzette

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Craig Ollenberger / Pamela Dudas

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7. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Arts & Culture

b. Courts Skatepark

c. Grandview Woodland Food Connection

d. ReconciliAction Circle

No questions.

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8. ADJORNMENT

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Pamela Dudas

9. IN CAMERA