

Directors Present: Adrienne Denham, Pat Hogan, Brenda Kyle, Norm Leech, Christine McCallum, Nicki McGowan, Craig Ollenberger, Terumi Squibb, Naina Varshney

Others Present: Tom Digby (VPB), Oliver Tennant, Cassie De Colling, Chris Harris, Stone Friesen, Jeremy Nan, Michelle Pezel, Nao Inouchi (with children: Rei and Niko), Selwyn Sharples, Clae Brown, Cameron French, Ross Stewart, Sheldon Young

Staff: Suzette Amaya, Cynthia Low, Marina Montiel (recording), Peter Odynsky

Regrets: Adrienne Bale, John Flipse, Collis Hunter, Sean Miles, Jennifer Mitchell

Location: Info Centre Conference Room and Zoom

CHAIR: Christine McCallum

CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 PM

TERRITORY HONORING: Norm Leech

1 ADDITIONS TO TOPICS C. McCallum

MOTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

To Old Business – Committees

To New Business – Gala Update

1st: Norm Leech

2nd: Craig Ollenberger

Result: **PASSED**

2 APPROVAL OF MINTUES C. McCallum [Dec 2025 Approved Minutes](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:

Dec 10, 2025

1st: Naina Varshney

2nd: Brenda Kyle

Result: **PASSED**

3 PARTNER'S REPORTS

3.1 Vancouver Park Board T. Digby

The City is working on the 2027-2030 capital plan and Britannia is on it. City council will finalize the plans for Britannia by June 2026

3.2 Vancouver Public Library J. McKnight
Regrets

3.3 Vancouver School Board S. Blair
Regrets

4 NEW BUSINESS

- 4.1 Fund Development Training C. Low
The role of the board to set fund development. Training is available through Vantage Point or new school of fund raising a guest from the Central City Foundation, they support safe, clean and affordable housing for people in Vancouver’s inner city. Jennifer Johnston the CEO has agreed to come the board meeting in February to provide a primer. Fund raising will be a new stream for the board and training will help us as a collective. Training will be for staff and board members.
- 4.2 Gala Update C. Ollenberger
Deposit for the Gala space has been paid. Sponsorship draft prospective is almost complete so we can approach sponsors. Ready mid Feb. Looking for team members to pursue leads, set up and décor, the evening program, catering, swag, silent auction lead. Check your networks to see if you have folks that want to be involved. Nov 7 Rocky Mountaineer - we are hoping for 250 participants.

5 OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1 2026 Budget S. Amaya [2026 Budget](#)
Version 3 of the 2026 Budget has projected deficit of 50,000. We are looking for other funding sources to supplement our programs. Finance committee has approved the final version of the budget that Jeremy sent through.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND PASS THE 2026 BUDGET

- 1st: Naina Varshney
- 2nd: Brenda Kyle
- Result: **PASSED**

- 5.2 2026 Priorities C. Low
Some 2026 priorities are not in the budget – the capital renovations for Info, Teen and 55+. That comes to a total of \$250,000. this may include a request from the foundation to release capital funds to update electrical. And looking for possible infrastructure grants. We received donation of design and planning and construction volunteers.
- 5.3 Committees C. Low

MOTION TO NOMINATE ADRIENNE DENHAM FOR THE FINIANCE COMMITTEE

- 1st: Naina Varshney
- 2nd: Craig Ollenberger
- Result: **PASSED**

5A GUESTS

Courts Skateboard Committee
Oliver Tennant led a presentation highlighting the progression of the Courts Skateboard Committee.

6 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 Executive Director C. Low [ED Report](#)

Rink to re-open after a year's closure. Peter's team is addressing user groups with the rink and organizing the reopening. Jeremy has continued to work on the budget and with Jacky on the asset transfer agreement for childcare. Brenda from Eastside Family Place received funding for Ally training and we are planning to hold this training at the end of March.

6.2 Manager of Administrative Services J. Shier [Admin Report](#)

No questions.

6.3 Manager of Child Care J. Hughes **NO REPORT**

Still working on asset transfer agreement, hope to complete by the end of the month. Bargaining will start soon for the BDGEU staff.

6.4 Manager of Organizational Change S. Amaya [MOC Report](#)

Suzette has been working with Julia from the Britannia Library on reciprocal consulting and will keep the gallery closed. Our goal is complete the creation of an operations manual for the gallery before it opens. Elders in Residence has changed to its name to BEST, (Britannia Elders Sharing Together). BEST will include engagement activities to understand protocols and teachings for Indigenous and non Indigenous. Looking forward to June 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day which is also a FIFA game day. The Host Nations are going through new leadership and as an organization we have to figure out what our ask is from the host nations. Recommendation that Cynthia, Norm and Suzette together approach the host nations and information gather so we can figure out what the board's intention. Norm would like to advocate for the highest level of engagement. Whatever risks are involved - we need to address them as this is in our best interests to build a strong relationship with the Nations for the board, the facility and the community. The board needs to be clear on what they want out of the relationship with the host nations. Briefing document to be prepared for February's board meeting

6.5 Community Recreation Coordinator P. Odynsky [Recreation Report](#)

Pool update - deficiencies were found and needs to be addresses. The scaffolding will stay up until the leaks are fixed. The rink is going well; artwork needs to be in place by Jan 26. before the ice goes in. Thank you to Stephanie Sui and the rink staff that are taking shifts. User groups have been contacted and are coming back to the rink very soon. Winter registration happened with no hiccups, and we are 75% of the way in planning spring. Rink programmer and the Arts and Culture programmer both recently resigned. We are dealing with those gaps.

- BREAK -

7 CONSENT ITEMS

7.1 Arts & Culture [A&C Com Report](#)

7.2 GWFC [GWFC Report](#)

7.3 RIA Circle [RIA Report](#)

7.4 SEA Committee [SEA Report](#)

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1st: Nicky McGowan

2nd: Craig Ollenberger

Result: **PASSED**

8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJORN

1st: Norm Leech

2nd: Brenda Kyle

Result: **PASSED**