

**BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Gym D and Online Zoom - 6:00pm**

The Annual General Meeting was called to order by Ingrid Kolsteren at 6:21pm.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Sam George Jr shared the welcome and acknowledge that we are on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nation, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Russ St. Eloi / Craig Ollenberger

CARRIED

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023.

John Flipse / Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

2. President Welcome – Pamela Dudas

We would like to acknowledge Annie Danilko, past board president, for their influence on Britannia's Renewal.

During 2023 we continued to see the long-term effects of Covid19, and we strove to help those in need financially and emotionally.

RIA team led by Suzette Amaya, welcomed new patrons to Britannia.

In 2023 we also increased funding in child care to lend further support to kids and parents.

3. Treasures Report - John Flipse

John has been treasurer for the past 12 years and he is appreciative of the trust the community has placed in him.

Revenues continue to grow which provide new services to the community and help us to move forward in our Renewal goals.

Britannia Foundation continues to make an annual donation to the Britannia Board of Management, which they determine how to spend. This is Britannia's legacy.

Complete copies of the audited statements are available upon request through Jeremy Shier.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT CURRENT AUDITED STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED.

John Flipse/ Russ St. Eloi

CARRIED

MOTION: TO RETAIN KPMG AS AUDITOR FOR THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR

John Flipse/ Pamela Dudas

CARRIED

4. Executive Director Report- Cynthia Low

Thank you to the Britannia staff for their on-going hard work and dedication.

Thank you to the Board of Management for their continued support and being in favour of the much-needed services that we provide.

Together we able to support those with the greatest needs and give them a chance to prosper.

MOTION: TO RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT, TRESURER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS AS PRESENTED.

Craig Ollenberger / Nicky McGowan

CARRIED

5. Q&A

The floor was opened for questions. No questions at this time.

6. Appreciations for Outgoing Board Members – Pamela Dudas

I would like to express our heartfelt appreciations for Board members who are ending their terms:

Ama Birch
Annie Danilko
Craig Ollenberger
Farren Gillaspie
John Flipse
Naina Varshney
Norm Leech
Oliver Tennant
Pat Hogan
Sam Quastel
Tom Chang

7. Bylaw Changes – Cynthia Low

1. ARTICLE 3 - BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, Section 2: ADD c) At least two of the voting Directors are to be Indigenous people from territories within Canada: First Nation, Métis or Inuit ancestry with an Indigenous Community that claims the individual. The Board shall follow the Society Policy to Prevent Indigenous Fraud by non-Indigenous people.

2. ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS, Section 2: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and The President shall have the powers and duties generally pertaining to their office. They shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Board Development Committee.

3. ARTICLE 6 - MEETINGS:

Section 1 - The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society shall be held on a day in May or June as determined by the Board in each calendar year.

Section 8 - Notice of date, time, and location of general meeting must be sent to every member at least 14 days before meeting by electronic mail, mail or written notice. Previously: a) Notice of all meetings of the Society shall be given by either of the following methods as determined from time to time by the Board: i) By mailing or delivering a written notice to each member at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting; or ii) By advertising the meeting in at least two separate issues of a newspaper or newspapers circulated in the City of Vancouver not more than twenty-eight days and not less than fifteen days before the day fixed for the meeting.

Section 10 - At every meeting of the Society, the members present will select one member of the Board to preside as chairperson. *Previously: The President, or in their absence the Vice-President, shall preside as chairperson at every meeting of the Society or the Board and if there is no such chairperson present within thirty minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present shall, if they comprise a quorum, choose a person to act as chairperson from among their number.*

Section 15 - Except where otherwise provided by the Society or these bylaws, all matters or procedures at any meeting of the Society or the Board shall be decided in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised follow the Society Meeting Procedures.

4. ARTICLE 9 – BORROWING POWERS, Section 3: Any fundraising activity which is proposed for the Society must be reviewed by the Board. *Previously: Any money raising or other activity which is proposed for the Society and which may result in a financial loss to the Society in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), shall only take place after the approval of the Board has been obtained.*

MOTION: TO AMEND ARTICLE 9 TO THE FOLLOWING WORDING: Any fundraising activity which is proposed for the Society must be APPROVED by the Board.

Gail Singer/ John Flipse

CARRIED

MOTION: TO VOTE ON EXTRORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

Craig Ollenberger/Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED

8. Introduction of Election Process – Terumi Squib

Terumi outlined the election process and how it will work. In person have paper ballots, and online click the blue Voting button when election opens.

Candidates bios are available and they will be able to make a 1 minute introductory speech before the vote. Peter is overseeing in person vote in Gym D.

9. Introduction of Election Process - Ingrid Kolsteren

Ingrid outlined the election process and how it will work. In person have paper ballots, and online click the blue Voting button when election opens.

Candidates bios are available and they will be able to make a 1 minute introductory speech before the vote. Peter is overseeing in person vote in Gym D.

10. Voting for Board Members & Bylaw Changes

This year there are seven two-year Board positions, one one-year Board positions, two one-year Youth Board positions for members 16 or 17 years old, and one Staff Representative to be elected.

Question for candidates – Adrienne Nicholas, Craig Ollenberger, John Flipse, Margaret Buxton, Naina Varshney, Norm Leech, Pat Hogan, Tom Chang– are you standing for election? All - Yes

Nominations from the floor?

No nominations at this time.

Ingrid declared nominations closed.

Board candidates given 1 min each to speak.

Voting time

11. Renewal – Susanne Dahlin

Susanne facilitated a discussion on Britannia’s Renewal goals during the ballot counting.

12. Election results – Ingrid Kolsteren

ELECTED 2 YEAR TERM:

Adrienne Nicholas, Craig Ollenberger, John Flipse, Naina Varshney, Norm Leech, Pat Hogan, Tom Chang

ELECTED 1 YEAR TERM:

Margaret Buxton

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED:

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS, Section 2

ARTICLE 6 – MEETINGS, Section 1, 8, 10, 15

Ingrid thanked everyone for standing for election and congratulated elected members.

Congrats to 2024/2025 Board members!

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS

Craig Ollenberger / Adrienne Nicholas

CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 8:14pm

Ingrid Kolsteren

CARRIED