

Directors Present: Adrienne Bale, Adrienne Denham, Pat Hogan, Norm Leech, Christine McCallum, Nicki McGowan, Sean Miles, Jennifer Mitchell, Terumi Squibb

Others Present: Tom Digby (VPB), Julia McKnight (VPL), Ross Stewart

Staff: Suzette Amaya, Cynthia Low, Marina Montiel (recording), Peter Odymsky, Jeremy Shier

Regrets: Starla Bayley (C15), Sonia Blair (VSB), John Flipse, Jacky Hughes, Collis Hunter, Brenda Kyle, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Craig Ollenberger, Naina Varshney

Location: Info Centre Conference Room and Zoom

CHAIR: Adrienne Bale

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

TERRITORY HONORING: Adrienne Bale

1 ADDITIONS TO TOPICS A. Bale

MOTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

New Business - Add COV & Canucks Rink Deal

1st: Nicki McGowan

2nd: Christne McCallum

Result: **PASSED**

2 APPROVAL OF MINTUES A. Bale [Feb Minutes 2026 FINAL](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:

February 11, 2026

1st: Norm Leech

2nd: Christne McCallum

Result: **PASSED**

3 PARTNER'S REPORTS

3.1 Vancouver Park Board T. Digby

Floored with news of the Canucks possibly taking over the Britannia Rink as a practise space. Special meeting to discuss Capital Plan on April 7th, 2026, at 5:30pm. Someone from Britannia will be invited to the Park Board meeting to speak.

3.2 Vancouver Public Library J. McKnight

At the library we have noticed two trends. First white supremacy - patrons watching anti-immigrant and white nationalist videos on computers. Staff must explain that the language and statements are not in line with VPL values. Could be in other areas of the site. Second trend - heavy depressants being used by addicts and they are harder to wake up. We are seeing that in the library and people under the influence are in much more inebriated state. They are asked to leave and are welcomed back on another day. Spring programming including puppet shows, intro to D&D and optical illusions introduction. Tax clinic is on, VPL connecting with volunteers and patrons using that program. Financial planning for families geared towards parents in young families, to budget, Canadian tax credits, estate planning - practical tools. Kith and Kin just wrapped. VPL continues to work towards providing equitable access to all patrons.

3.3 Vancouver School Board S. Blair
Regrets.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Investment Policy S. Miles [Investment Policy](#)

Stemmed out of Foundation meeting. Returns we are received from Vancity, some concern raised about low returns being recorded from this last year. Due to investment policy, where the board has directed the foundation to invest in green funds, request to review the policy and see if the board still agrees. \$100,000 could have gone back to the foundation. Sean and Jerney have agreed to draft a revision of the investment policy as the last draft was from 2004. The draft should go to the governance committee for review, and they will make a recommendation to the board. Should the policy or the investments be reviewed. Could we achieve better returns without changing the policy? Do we want to continue to have progressive investment policies? Good practice to review the policy because it has been over 20 years since the last review.

MOTION THAT THE BOARD REVIEW THE INVESTMENT POLICY AND ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO GUIDE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FOR THE BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION AND FOR BRITANNIA COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE SOCIETY INVESTMENT STRATEGIES.

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Nicki McGowan

Result: **1 Opposed, PASSED**

4.2 Annual Surplus Policy J. Shier

A suggested review of the Annual Surplus policy was brought up in the January Finance Committee meeting. The policy was created in 2017 so it may need to be updated. Should be done in conjunction with any changes to the foundation as well. Make sure it is still aligned when we generate surpluses and where they go.

4.3 Canucks Rink Deal C. Low

In response to the news that the Canucks may be creating a new training facility on Britannia's site, the board drafted the following statement:

The Britannia Community Services Centre Society has recently become aware of a tentative agreement between the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver Canucks regarding a new training facility located at Britannia. At this time, we have not received any information directly from either the City or the Canucks, and as such, we can't yet speak to the potential impacts this may have on the community.

The Britannia Community Services Centre Society has been serving this community for 50 years. Because of that, we think it's important that the local community be part of the discussion as ideas develop. A new facility could represent an exciting opportunity for investment in community recreation and public space, and we're always open to initiatives that strengthen access to sport and community programming. At the same time, it will be important to understand how any proposal fits with the needs of the neighbourhood and current plans for future use of the space.

We look forward to being included in future conversations as the City and the Canucks continue to explore this idea.

5 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 BCSC Foundation C. Low [Foundation Discussion](#)

There is no mechanism in place for disbursement of funds from the foundation. We need to determine a framework with a preferred model that either favors traditional growth and prosperity or a new model with a gradual plan to disperse all the funds, including a clear process how these requests are made. The recommendation is to create a framework that makes sense and is good for long term planning beyond the concept of a rainy day. Why grow the fund without purpose? We need some goals for the funds. A balanced approach in which funds can safely be withdrawn to fund priorities. In this way we can develop a process in which the board can meet their budgeting goals with the help of the foundation. Funders are less motivated to continue donating if the money is not spent. If we agree the funds should be unlocked in a sensible way, then the board needs to agree on a process that is accountable to the board and community.

Currently, the foundation is required to generate funds and disburse the minimum required amount set by the CRA. So we have been operating on the bare minimum.

The greatest asset we have are funds to invest in land that the society would have the authority to build something on. A working group will set these purpose points.

5.2 BCSC Foundation AGM J. Shier

Notification to the members of Britannia Foundation that the AGM will take place at the April Board Meeting at 6pm April 8, 2026. This announcement serves as a 30-day notice per our bylaws.

5.3 Fund Development Workshops C. Low

April 20 & 27, 2026. Both dates are Mondays. The first session on Apr 20 is in person from 6pm to 8pm in the Britannia Boardroom. The second session on Apr 27 is online from 6pm to 9pm. An Outlook invite to go out shortly.

5.4 Gala Update C. Low
The Sponsorship Package for the Gala is nearly complete. The theme is a birthday party. The package introduces the society and gives three ideas of incentives of why they would want to invest. The package also includes QR codes that link to videos to that specific program area. Framework of the package will be fine tuned and released to the board. Silent auction piece that will be online in advance and live auction items. Trying to keep major sponsors connected to the community, like Vancity and KPMG. Suggestion to align the colour scheme with Britannia's colour scheme. Request for a full budget to come to the finance committee. Suggestion to consider the cost benefit analysis of silent auction, work vs. profit. Diminishing returns on silent auction. Great work Suzette, Veronica and Marina on the sponsorship package. Executive and Finance Committees will receive a budget by the end of the month.

5.5 Board Rotating Chair A. Bale
April - Sean, May - Jennifer M, June - Adreinne D

6 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

6.1 Executive Director C. Low [ED Report](#)
We received two grants each in the amount of \$10,000. City of Vancouver Core Support Grant and another grant to combat extreme heat. Cynthia will be attending committee meetings to remind folks committees are important and they move the society forward in an advisory capacity. We are reviewing the governance of committees.

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

6.3 Manager of Child Care J. Hughes [CC Report](#)
See report.

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

Currently working on a partnership with Reach as they received funding to do training on Reconciliation and they have invited our board to participate. Len Pierre. Focusing on Reconciliation with doctors and nurses and are going to start bringing in elders to do lunch an learns and can accommodate our board and some staff. BEST (Britannia Elders Sharing Together) Sharing Circle - please come join us! Ruth has been busy with elk canning and hired a new Indigenous Gardener. Very excited about our continuing partnership with Lululemon. I am exploring on how we can support Indigenous programming through partnerships.

6.5 Community Recreation Coordinator P. Odynsky [Recreation Report](#)
Registration went really well. All the shifts picked at our site. Rink is back in full swing.

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7 CONSENT ITEMS

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| 7.1 | Arts & Culture | A&C Com Report |
| 7.2 | Child Care Committee | CC Com Report |
| 7.3 | Executive | Executive Com Report |
| 7.4 | Finance | Finance Com Report |
| 7.5 | Governance Committee | Focus on board vacancy and training. |
| 7.6 | GWFC | GWFC Report |
| 7.7 | SEA Committee | SEA Report |
| 7.8 | Volunteer | Volunteer Com Report |

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AND MANAGER REPORTS

1st: Norm Leech
2nd: Nicki McGowan
Result: **PASSED**

8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJORN

1st: Nicki McGowan
2nd: Norm Leech
Result: **PASSED**

9 IN-CAMERA

MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA

1st: Adrienne Bale
2nd: Adrienne Denham
Result: **PASSED**

MOTION TO GO OUT OF CAMERA

1st: Jennifer Mitchell
2nd: Norm Leech
Result: **PASSED**