

Directors Present: Adrienne Bale, Michelle Bryant, Adrienne Denham, Kate Fitzpatrick, John Flipse, Brenda Kyle, Norm Leech, Nicki McGowan, Sean Miles, Jennifer Mitchell, Craig Ollenberger, Naina Varshney

Others Present: Sonia Blair (VSB), Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Bill Hood, Erin Watkins, Ross Stewart, Pat Hogan, Alice Munro

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

Regrets: Collis Hunter, Christine McCallum, Terumi Squibb,

Location: Info Centre Conference Room and Zoom

CHAIR: A. Denham

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM

TERRITORY HONORING: Adrienne Denham

1 ADDITIONS TO TOPICS A. Denham

MOTION to adjust the following topics:

Change topic 5.2 Child Care Capital Projects from Information to Approval.

1st: Brenda Kyle

2nd: Craig Ollenberger□

Result: **PASSED**

2 APPROVAL OF MINTUES A. Denham [May 2026 Minutes](#)

MOTION to approve the minutes of:

May 13, 2026

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Adrienne Bale

Result: **PASSED**

3 PARTNER'S REPORTS

3.1 Vancouver Park Board T. Digby
regrets

3.2 Vancouver Public Library J. McKnight
regrets

3.3 Vancouver School Board S. Blair

Great school year - last year graduation ceremony at the Italian Cultural Centre. Students received outstanding scholarships and awards. Full scholarships were awarded to The UBC Sauder School of Business and in the Arts. Student recognition rally next Friday where students are recognized for service. The yearbook is back which will be given out on that day. Tuesday June 23rd is the last day of classes and June 11 is Indigenous grad ceremony held at the Stanley Park pavilion. Britannia has gone down in enrollment which has impacted staffing and some classes like hockey skills and also some staff cuts of longstanding staff. Met with library staff to discuss students hanging out in the library and how that library staff deals with that and maintaining a safe space and encourage students to go back into the school building. Working with the library over the summer to keep students busy with community programming. WCT programming in schools which brought in elders and Indigenous teachings in 3 schools in the catchment. Capstone project of a student is a community three on three basketball tournament taking place a bit next week. Local partners and organizations will be putting together teams. Speaks to how our youth want to give back into the community.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Seniors, Elders and Advocates Bill Hood - SEA Committee Guest Speaker

The SEA Committee along with 55 + are strong supporters of The Britannia Community Services Centre Society. Britannia has been at the forefront of community organizations around the city. The SEA Committee reflects community engagement. WCT is direct result of early Reconciliation programming. Promotion of the first Indigenous board member was a result of SEA participation. Their strong connections within the community are reflected in the number of programs they participate in. Would the board consider adding a standing 15-minute community engagement segment to each board meeting? This would be a time for board and community to engage and exchange ideas. Increase the flow of communication between committees and the board.

5 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 50th Celebration Debrief N. Varshney

Great celebration! Thanks to the board members, kudos to the staff for working so hard towards this milestone celebration.

5.2 Child Care Capital Projects C. Low [CC Reserves Request](#)

Proposal from Jacky yesterday re capital upgrades to Eagles in the Sly which has been amalgamated into the Briannia Childcare Hub, meaning their \$270,000 in reserves came to Britannia. Our Childcare manager feels some of that money should go to flooring replacement, new classroom furnishings and learning environment enhancements. No contingency for additional upgrades as it is in a portable which was had the foundation checked. More funds should be allocated in the form of a contingency.

MOTION that the Britannia Board of Directors approve the allocation of \$63,000 with an additional contingency up to \$30,000 subject to remediation work if required from the Child Care reserve funds for environmental, facility and furnishings upgrades for Eagles In The Sky child care.

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Naina Varshney

Result: **PASSED**

5.3 2026 Priorities and Strategic Plan C. Low

Free and low-cost accessible programming continues but we have increased service to LAP. We continue to be the destination of LAP applications. The 50th fundraising will continue. We are hitting some of the 2026 priorities. Our website still needs to be cleaned up - admin team is working on it. We are a bit behind on our hiring. The aesthetic and renewal of the site are moving along with Bird Construction, and the mural is underway as well.

5.4 BCSF Replacement By-laws C. Low [BCSF Rep Bylaws](#)

Discussed at a number of board meetings and the foundation working group. We have had legal council put together the language to change the constitution and the bylaws. The hope is to reflect the vision and goal of the society. A better working relationship with the society. In addition to the legal documents, we have started to draft a standard operating procedure manual. The manual is the policies and procedures we hope to cover on an annual basis. The operating manual will come from the core of what the bylaws state. Now meet with the foundation board to make sure the SOP fits in their bylaws. Next step is for this board to approved in principle of the directions we are moving in. high level changes - clean up the definition of directors, clarity around membership, notification of meetings does not contravene the society act. most changes are surrounded around compliance around the society act.

MOTION that the Britannia Board of Directors, members of the Britannia Community Services Foundation approve in principle the changes to the Britannia Community Services Foundation Constitution and the replacement by-laws for the Britannia Community Services Foundation, and;

That the final documents will be presented to the membership for approval by special resolution at the General Meeting on September 9, 2026, and;

That the final documents be accompanied by the Standard Operating Procedure for the Britannia Community Services Foundation.

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Michelle Bryant

Result: **PASSED**

5.5 BCSCS Replacement By-laws C. Low

The BCSCS Replacement By-laws document is not ready for the board. A request will be put forth that the board meets for an hour in July. Like the foundation bylaws there has been some non compliance. The board wanted to have provisions in the bylaws to remove directors.

6 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

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| 6.1 | Executive Director | C. Low | ED Report |
| 6.2 | Manager of Administrative Services | J. Shier | Admin Report |
| 6.3 | Manager of Child Care | J. Hughes | CC Report |
| 6.4 | Manager of Organizational Change | S. Amaya | MOC Report |
| 6.5 | Community Recreation Coordinator | P. Odynsky | Recreation Report |

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7 CONSENT ITEMS

7.1	Arts & Culture	A&C Com Report
7.2	Executive	Executive Com Report
7.3	Finance	Finance Com Report
7.4	GWFC	GWFC Report
7.5	Vietnamese Seniors	Vietnamese Com Report
7.6	Volunteer	Volunteer Com Report

MOTION to accept consent items and manager reports

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Adrienne Bale

Result: **PASSED**

8 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Craig Ollenberger□

Result: **PASSED**

9 IN-CAMERA

MOTION to go in camera

1st: Craig Ollenberger□

2nd: Brenda Kyle

Result: **PASSED**

MOTION to go out of camera

1st: Craig Ollenberger□

2nd: Brenda Kyle

Result: **PASSED**