

Directors Present: Adrienne Bale, Adrienne Denham, Kate Fitzpatrick, Brenda Kyle, Sean Miles, Jennifer Mitchell, Craig Ollenberger, Naina Varshney

Others Present: Ruth Briggs, Gail Cryer, Tom Digby (VPB), Julia McKnight (VPL), Dan Siney

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

Regrets: Sonia Blair (VSB), Michelle Bryant, John Flipse, Jacky Hughes, Collis Hunter, Maddie Lafleur (VSB), Norm Leech, Christine McCallum, Nicki McGowan, Terumi Squibb

Location: Info Centre Conference Room and Zoom

CHAIR: Jennifer Mitchell

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

TERRITORY HONORING: Jennifer Mitchell

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jennifer Mitchell

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

1st: Craig Ollenberger

2nd: Sean Miles

Result: **PASSED**

2 APPROVAL OF MINTUES Jennifer Mitchell [April 2026 Minutes FINAL](#)

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:

April 8, 2026

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Craig Ollenberger

Result: **PASSED**

3 PARTNER'S REPORTS

3.1 Vancouver Park Board T. Digby

We are hoping for better connection between Parks Board and the Britannia board - let's arrange a time to talk about Renewal. There is currently no update on the Britannia Renewal due to Canucks and their nondisclosure agreement. Tom trying to get rid of nda so we can talk about their plans. Staff is working on getting rid of the NDA so we can have a public discussion. There is concern about where Britannia fits into the City of Vancouver's 400 million plan for five community centres, as the funding will most likely go to centres that are Parks Board controlled. Tom is attempting to meet with the mayor to advocate for public consensus on the proposal to show support for these plans. Swimming pool - Kerrisdale pool closed for 10 months and is now becoming a priority to reopen. May affect the updating of our facilities.

3.2 Vancouver Public Library J. McKnight

The Britannia Branch received a bequeathment in the amount of \$100,000. This tremendous gift will be used at our aging facility - we are thinking about what to do with it! Connection to Kith and Kin has a few weeks to go before the program breaks in the summer. Jun15 registration starts for summer reading club. Planning for summer camps and using the cooling centres to avoid these areas being overwhelmed. Boys and Girls Club absorbing Rec & Read, and KidSafe. They will likely make visits to the library and needing cooling centre spaces if their spaces are too hot.

3.3 Vancouver School Board S. Blair
No report.

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 2025 Audited Financial Statement J. Shier [2025 Financial Stmts](#)

Starting in mid March KPMG started the 2025 fiscal year audit which lasted about a month. Audited statements were finalized and presented to the Finance Committee, and they did recommend that the Board approve the statements.

MOTION TO APPROVE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Naina Varshney

Result: **PASSED**

4.2 2025 Surpluses J. Shier [2025 Surpluses](#)

Back in Fall 2025, the Board passed the 2026 budget with a request for funds in the amount of \$150,000 which are the funds we had available at the time. Additionally, since that time we have lost our Federal funding for Indigenous programming. We have now we have received estimates to upgrade 55+ senior centre, the board room and break room. We are requesting an increase to \$250,000 for renovations and additional funding for the Britannia Elders Sharing Together (BEST) programming.

MOTION TO INCREASE THE 2026 CAPITAL UPGRADES BUDGET FROM \$150,000 TO \$250,000, AND AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000 IN FOR BRITANNIA ELDERS SHARING TOGETHER (BEST) PROGRAMMING

1st: Sean Miles

2nd: Adrienne Bale

Result: **PASSED**

4.3 June 5th 50th Celebration D. Siney

Dan our Event Support Coordinator walked us through the planned day's events happening on site on June 5, 2026.

4.4 Child Care Capital Expense J. Hughes [CC Tech Purchases](#)

MOTION THAT THE BRITANNIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES UP TO \$40,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TABLETS AND LAPTOPS TO SUPPORT THE BRITANNIA CHILD CARE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FASTOCHE CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. THIS FUNDING WILL BE FROM CHILD CARE DEPARTMENT RESERVES.

1st: Craig Ollenberger

2nd: Sean Miles

Result: **PASSED**

- Grandview Woodlands Food
- 4.5 Connection R. Briggs
Short presentation on GWFC Committee on the importance of food security programming within our changing community.
- 4.6 Scholarships J. Shier [2026 Scholarships](#)
Ross Stewart volunteered on behalf of the board to attend Jun17 graduation ceremonies for Templeton High School.

MOTION TO APPROVE AND RELEASE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS.

1st: Craig Ollenberger
2nd: Sean Miles
Result: **PASSED**

5 OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1 Golden Anniversary Gala Update C. Ollenberger [Gala Update](#)
We have not met the milestones for sponsorships to make the gala happen and are considering pivoting to a giving campaign. Could not form the team to do the work. Much more approachable goal in a scalable way. Costs are nominal. Vancity may join us as a key partner, and we are working on that with them. We need people to help with conception to completion. Asking for the board to bless this pivot. we need 4-6 people to join the fund development to help with this planning. Tues May 26 is the next meeting. Our goal is a matching campaign, the public to match the funds from Vancity.

MOTION TO PIVOT FROM A CELEBRATION GALA TO A GIVING CAMPAIGN

1st: Craig Ollenberger
2nd: Sean Miles
Result: **PASSED**

- 5.2 Foundation Review C. Low [Foundation Update](#)
How can the Foundation support the priorities of the Society? The Foundation and Society should get together and share, enhance their communication. This will be outlined in the operating procedures. Next steps make changes to bylaws and make changes to standard operating procedures. Constitution and bylaws are being reviewed by a third-party consultant at Miller Thompson. We are trying to remove some of the restrictions that have been in place, like how to make request for approval from the Foundation. Changes in the bylaws and SOP will be ready for the board to look at in June as a draft. Final legal documentation will be ready in August for the first board meeting in September which will be the AGM for the Foundation.
- 5.3 Governance Review C. Low [Governance Transition](#)
Governance review will come to the board in June. The review will be based on the engagement we've had with the board over the passed two years. We want to confirm the working group is on the right track.

6 ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

- 6.1 Executive Director C. Low [ED Report](#)
See attached report.

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

Looking at a few cost cutting scenarios including zoom. We will switch over to Microsoft teams for virtual meetings. We are recognized by Google as a Not-for-Profit organization. Through their service we can assign email addresses to the board members and use all the options available. We can also consider just assigning email addresses to the President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

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

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

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

Bird Construction completed a lot of cosmetic work on our site. Power washed the exterior, replaced benches, painting, prep for the mural.

- BREAK -

7 CONSENT ITEMS

7.1	Arts & Culture	A&C Com Report
7.2	Courts Skateboard	Courts Com Report
7.3	Executive	Executive Com Report
7.4	Finance	Finance Com Report
7.5	Fund Development	Fund Dev Com Report
7.6	Governance	Governance Com Report
7.7	GWFC	GWFC Report
7.8	Volunteer	Volunteer Com Report

MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT ITEMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1st: Sean Miles
2nd: Craig Ollenberger
Result: **PASSED**

8 ADJOURNMENT

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1st: Craig Ollenberger
2nd: Sean Miles
Result: **PASSED**