

**Meeting Notes
January 6th, 2011
7:00 pm in the Conference Room**

PRESENT: Lynda Hurst (Chair), Bruce Macdonald, Penny Street, John Flipse, Ray Spaxman, Dan Freeman, Sam Mohamad-Khany, Cathy Wang, Tammy Schulz, Dan Fass, Sarah Cullingham, Bette Murphy (late)

REGRETS: Bev Seed

STAFF: Cynthia Low, Hai Truong (Note Taker)

GUESTS: Marta Farevaag, Roger Hughes, Andrew Yan, Gretchen Brown, Carlito Pablo (Press, *Georgia Straight*)

1) Introductions

2) Consultants Report Back

The consultants have met with the partners and have learned more about the 10-year capital planning process. The City of Vancouver recognizes that the buildings at Britannia are in bad shape, but we are not at the top of their priority list for replacement. There are worse buildings in the system. Focusing on the infrastructure and building condition will not get us to the top of their list.

A better strategy would be to focus on land acquisition. Britannia has wanted to have a presence on Commercial Drive or Venables Street for many years. If we had a presence on The Drive, we would see a big spike in attendance.

Other items that will get us noticed are (1) a compelling vision, (2) innovative programming that meets the needs of our diverse group of users, (3) participation by senior levels of government, and (4) opportunities for community partnerships (e.g., REACH).

We should concentrate on getting on the page with the Park Board and the Library Board (a "learning commons" approach) for our one-year capital plan submission.

The Vancouver School Board is not seeing building infrastructure as being very high on their list of priorities. However, they would like to implement a formal K–12 program at Britannia and emphasize their IB program. In order to do that, they will need to renew or repurpose some of their Britannia facilities.

The Vancouver Park Board will review all of their aquatic facilities. Britannia Pool is at the end of its life cycle, and we are near the top of the list for getting a new pool.

The submission for the 10-year capital plan is very structured. The consultants will be busy working with Cynthia Low in preparing for the application for the 10-year capital plan.

3) City's 10-Year Capital Investment Strategy

The Britannia Centre's 10-year capital plan must fit with the City's vision. There are few items that we could focus in on. One is the renewal of the swimming pool, which is reaching the end of its life cycle and will need to be replaced within the next ten years. Another item is possible land acquisition on either Commercial Drive or Venables. Finally, the 10-year submission gives us an opportunity to discuss with the Vancouver School Board the notion of trading ownership of properties at Britannia Site so that schools sit entirely on school property and the community centre activities take place on City property.

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4) Review Workchart and recap

The workshop that had been scheduled for the end of January will be postponed to allow Cynthia and the consultants time to prepare the 10-year capital investment strategy.

5) Survey Results and Analysis

Two packages were distributed. One was the raw data from the November-December SurveyMonkey community survey. The other was the analysis of the survey.

6) Adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

7) Next Meeting is January 20th, 2011.