

Meeting Notes Thursday, November 13, 2014 7:00 pm in the Rink Mezzanine

Present: Susanne Dahlin (Chair), Bette Murphy, Morna McLeod, Jane Sheil, Vicki Scully, Penny Street, Chris Dalton.

Staff: Hai Truong (Note Taker), Cynthia Low

1) Welcome and Introductions

2) Pool Presentation (A User Perspective)

Chris Dalton presented a user perspective on the Britannia pool. He likes our pool because of the free parking. He also likes the greenery, even though the plants are plastic. The artwork helps make our pool feel less institutionalized. Very few new pools have artwork now. Older pools, like Britannia, have cinder block walls. As the result, it tends to be less noisy than the new pools that have huge glass windows. This makes it easier to socialize. The glass windows from the new pools cause glare in the summer which makes it difficult for the lifeguard to see. Britannia is one of the first pools to have the family changing room. Our accessibility still needs a little work. We don't have a ramp for the pool. Chris doesn't see the need for a new pool. Changing the pool could change the environment. Britannia could lose that cosy home feeling. At this point, Britannia has not decided which facility we are going to work on first; when we do decide on renovating the pool, we can work on retaining the existing qualities such as the soft design and quietness. Chris worried that when the pool is being built and if the City is short on money, qualities like noise control might be compromised. Britannia should have an open house and focus group to discuss what our new pool should be like.

3) Update on Various Consultations

Cynthia attended the Queen Victoria Elementary School PAC meeting. There were about 12 to 15 parents at the meeting. Everybody seems to be interested in the renewal plan. They would like to be informed and notified of the plan.

She also attended the Britannia Elementary School Staff meeting. The teachers are on board and would like to be informed.

Britannia needs to engage the local residents and get them involved with the consultation process. If the families cannot come to the consultation, we should go to them and provide them with as much information as possible, with consultation methods that work for them. We also need to involve ourselves in the planning process with our partners. The Planning and Development committee should come up with the concept. We should work closely with our partners and the City.

The Planning & Development committee needs a communication person to help with the process. The committee needs to decide on the qualifications required and on a job description for what this person would do.

NOTES – Planning & Development

4) Tabled for Next Meeting

1. Vancouver School Board and Vancouver Public Library Feedback
2. Terms of Reference Brainstorming
3. Package of Materials for Presentations
4. Website/Communication

5) Adjourn at 9:00pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 18th, 2014.