

**Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday September 18th, 2018
7:00 pm in the Conference Room**

Present: Chris Dalton, Jane Sheil, Brenda Lohrenz, Nancy Strider, Pamela Dudas, Tom Chang, Carol Buchanan, Peter Odynsky, Ian Marcuse, Paul Mittendorff, Alissa Reed, Jim Lemaistre, Nico Woodward, Cynthia Low

Britannia Staff: Lindsay Grant (recorder), Cynthia Low

1 Introductions

2 Adoption of Minutes

- Motion to adopt as presented: carried

3 Britannia Renewal Master Plan Update

- The Britannia Renewal Master Plan was approved by the Vancouver Park Board and Vancouver Parks Board and Vancouver City Council. Thanks to Susanne for speaking on behalf of Britannia and the Planning and Development Committee.
- City Council passed the Master Plan unanimously. This may have been a reflection of the preparatory work done by the Society to meet with Councillors individually to discuss the Britannia Renewal Project. Much of the discussion echoed the concerns reflected in the Britannia Society's Master Plan Response.

4 Capital Plan Funding

- Funding for the Britannia Master Plan is included in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan. There is a \$2.5 million allocation under the "Community Centres" line item and a \$2.5 million allocation under the "Rinks and Pools" line item for a total of \$5 million. The Capital Plan also notes that any unused funds from the 2015-2018 Capital Plan funding are to be carried forward.
- The 2019-2022 Capital Plan will go to public referendum on the upcoming municipal election ballot on October 20th 2018. Britannia Renewal funding is included under the Capital Plan Borrowing question 3 "Replacement of Existing Community Facilities and Civic Facilities" (\$100,090,000).

5 Master Plan Challenges

- The inclusion of desired dedicated spaces (eg.Kickstand) can be a part of the discussion during the upcoming planning phases (detailed design).
- The phasing and timeline of the Britannia Renewal project is a concern for the society. The overall timeline for project delivery is too long. The phasing order, which places social development spaces at the tail end of the project, is also not appropriate to the primary purpose of Britannia as a community development space. Finding additional funding sources (especially provincial, federal, and non-profit partnerships) and working

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with the Vancouver School Board to align facility upgrading schedules are potential avenues for solutions.

- More community consultation and research is required to explore the potential for housing on the site. The number of potential units was not released until the end of the consultation process which may have impacted community opinion. It is worth revisiting the Britannia Renewal Land Use Principles and Housing Guidelines already adopted by the Britannia Society.
- Securing additional adjacent property with frontage on Commercial Drive or Venables continues to be a priority for the Society.
- Creating better connections between the facilities and maximizing accessibility across the site continues to be a priority.

6 Next Steps

- During the election process, City of Vancouver staff are not actively engaged in moving the Britannia Renewal process forward
- The Committee and Society to review the process of the previous phase and create a plan and process for moving forward, ensuring that the Society remains at the table and all Britannia committees, partners, and community members are consulted and invited to remain involved. The development of a more formal process will be on the agenda of the upcoming (October 16, 2018) Committee meeting.
- The City of Vancouver will put out a Request For Proposals (RFP) to secure an architect to take on the next phase of the project which will involve developing more detailed design plans and going through the rezoning process. The RFP will go out in November to secure a contractor for December. Britannia is expecting to be involved in the selection process as they were for the selection of the Master Plan contract.
- Moving forward, the Society will work on several fronts in the Britannia Renewal process
 - Inviting Britannia committees, partners, and community members to become involved in Planning and Development Committee meetings and creating a formal process for their involvement
 - Revisiting and reinforcing previously developed Land Use Principles and Housing Guidelines, and developing a plan for the next phase of the process
 - Massaging existing plans in the detailed design phase to secure “low-hanging fruit” (eg. dedicated Kickstand space)
 - Working with partners to undertake more community consultation on major components (eg. Phasing, Housing, Non-Profit Hub)
 - Continuing to sit at the project partner’s table with the City of Vancouver, Vancouver School Board, Vancouver Parks Board, and Vancouver Public Library

7 Questions

- *Are there any anticipated challenges in the rezoning process?*
- As the City of Vancouver is the project lead, and also has ultimate approval authority over the rezoning, it is unlikely that they will put forward something they can’t approve.

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Community concerns around building height, the inclusion of housing, maximization of greenspace, and preservation of view corridors will need to be addressed.

- *How can partners (eg. Eastside Family Place) continue to be involved in the process and advocate for their needs?*
- Partners and stakeholders are invited to join Planning and Development Committee meetings. A more formal process to ensure opportunities for feedback and consultation will be developed by the Committee.
- *How can we ensure that Indigenous leadership is meaningfully included throughout the Britannia Renewal process (building on what has already been done)?*
- The Society continues to prioritize genuine engagement with the host nations and local urban Indigenous community. A key part of developing our process moving forward is to come up with strategies to engage the Indigenous community members who are already participating at Britannia, those who might be interested in participating in the future, and the organizations that serve the Indigenous community in our neighbourhood. We will also continue to work with the City of Vancouver to consult with the local host nations and be open to advice and guidance.

8 **Close- 8:45pm**