

**Planning and Development Committee
Tuesday March 19th, 2019
6:30 pm in the Conference Room**

Present: Susanne Dahlin (chair), Ian Marcuse, Alissa Reed, Jane Sheil, Nancy Strider

Britannia Staff: Lindsay Grant (recorder), Cynthia Low

1 Introductions and Land Acknowledgement

2 Approval of previous minutes

- Noted that Jane Sheil was in attendance at previous meeting and John Truchan's name was spelled incorrectly

Motion to approve minutes with above noted amendments passed

3 Britannia Renewal Update

- The City of Vancouver has reconvened the partner's meetings, however the last two meetings have been cancelled
- There is delay in moving forward with the process
- The Vancouver School Board recently released their draft [Long Range Facilities Plan](#) which will shape their goals for the Britannia Renewal project
- A proposal to have Britannia hire external consultant(s) to move forward with community consultation on housing was brought before the Board and the direction was given to continue moving forward.

4 Discussion

- The committee discussed whether it would be best to convene a working group moving forward in housing and sought clarity on the role of a consultant to lead engagement, and create a model based on Britannia and community direction
- The committee made recommendations on potential non-profit real estate experts to reach out to
- ACTION Staff to follow up on contacts and begin putting together a first draft scope-of-work
- ACTION Staff to finalize decision-making matrix

5 Vancouver School Board Draft Long Range Facilities Plan

- Staff presented a summary of relevant details from the VSB Draft Long Range Facilities Plan
- Both Britannia Elementary and Britannia Secondary were indicated to be underutilized facilities. This designation is based on a combination of total enrollment, capacity, status

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of seismic upgrading, condition of facility, cost to undertake necessary repairs or upgrades, and facility replacement cost

- A final list of schools to be considered for closure will be presented for approval by the Vancouver School Board in September
- Note that the Vancouver School Board previously removed Britannia Secondary from consideration for closure in recognition of its importance for Indigenous learners

6 False Creek Flats

- The [False Creek Flats Plan](#) was reviewed
- Key details of the plan, including planned community spaces, arts and technology hubs were reviewed

7 Addition: Time Change

- The committee discussed time conflicts for regular committee attendees.
- The committee discussed difficulty accessing the Information Centre after hours when regular after-hours employees were not available to open the door
- ACTION Staff to follow up with facilities staff to explore the possibility of having a buzzer installed for after-hours meetings

8 Strategic Plan Update

- Following up on the item in the 2019 Britannia Board Priorities, the Britannia Society has retained a consultant to support the development of a 5 year strategic plan (2020-2025)
- All Britannia committees will be consulted in an 8 month process
- First milestone goal is to release a skeleton plan at the 2019 Britannia AGM on May 22nd
- The Strategic Plan is expected to cover succession planning for the Britannia Board of Management, preparation and continuity planning for the Britannia Renewal, and clear directions for the Society based on our mission, vision, and principles
- Plan is expected to be finalized in winter of 2019, with the expectation that it will be adopted at the December 2019 Board Planning Day as the basis for action planning

9 Addition to Agenda: Grandview Woodland Food Connection Strategic Planning (Ian Marcuse)

- GWFC is conducting its own strategic planning project guiding a planned 10 year scaling up of activities
- Delays in the Britannia Renewal phasing has meant that GWFC has had to see space off the Britannia site to pursue a partnership with Community Food Centres Canada as a community food hub
- GWFC is interested in aligning strategic planning work and timelines and continuing partnership with Britannia Community Centre

10 ACTIONS for upcoming meeting

- Follow up with Cathy Buckham for discussion of non-profit social hub

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- Follow up with contacts for further details on UNYA and Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Hastings and Commercial development plans

11 **Close**