

**Meeting Notes**  
**July 29, 2010**  
**7:00 pm in the Conference Room**

**PRESENT:** Dan Freeman, Bruce Macdonald, Dan Fass, Bette Murphy, John Flipse, Ray Spaxman, Cathy Wang, Adam Potvin, Lynda Hurst, Tammy Schulz, Ian Marcuse

**REGRETS:** Ken Ciochon, Bev Seed

**GUEST:** Erika Mashig (PFS Consultants), Chris Phillips (PFS Consultants), Roger Hughes (PFS Consultants), Marta Farevaag (PFS Consultants)

**STAFF:** Cynthia Low, Hai Truong (Note Taker)

**1) Workshop/Presentation by Consultant Team**

**Notes:** a package of various maps was sent out to all the members. Most of the evening was spent looking over the maps and the members of the committee input their ideas and suggestions.

**Context:** This first map shows the aerial view of Britannia and its neighbourhood. It also includes the closest site, which is Templeton Park and Pool. Strathcona Community Centre is not on this map but there are a number of people from that area that use our facility. There is mention that Britannia pool is at the end of its life cycle; so is Templeton pool.

**Site and Neighbourhood Zoning:** I2 is a dead zone or industrial zone. This is the zone along Venables Street.

**Community Facilities and School:** This is another aerial map colour-coding various facilities on site.

**Topography:** Views and barriers could be improved through better design.

**Historic Infrastructure, Green Space and Trees:** There are certain sacred spaces that the majority do not want changed. For example, heritage school is of important value and should be left as is. The playing field/oval field is another important space that should not be relocated. The green space between Sweet Cherubim and Drive Organics is another.

**The Finer Grain, Expansive Open Spaces and Views:** The area on the map that is purple has very limited view; these structures were very popular in 1970s, but it is outdated today. The green area, on the other hand, has an expansive open space. So what we have on the site is the limited and personal space contrast with the open space; wide open space versus narrow space.

**Barriers and Dead Ends:** This map indicates that there are a number of barriers and dead ends on the site. This raises the issue of safety or at least the feeling of being unsafe. 911 had difficulty finding locations on site such as the library and the swimming pool. There seems to be some confusion about the name of the buildings. Access to certain building tends to be difficult in the evening when the high school is closed. One solution is to have more maps on site, similar to the one in the mall. However, if there is a need to have signage, then there is a failure

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of construction somewhere. Another solution is to have a central point on the site like a town-square. Some other suggestions were: better entrance to the community, better light for safety and more green space.

Pedestrian Circulation and Obstacles: There is no bike path that has access to Mclean Drive.

Vehicular Circulation, Parking and Serving: There seems to be too many pedestrian pathways; this isolate people. There seems to be a need for more bike racks.

High Energy Outdoor Social Spaces and Play Areas: The area that is marked in yellow is where the buzz is. Commercial Drive is another area that is high traffic.

Grid VS Pattern Language: Site is complete anomaly from the street of Vancouver; there is no place where you can pop into a space such as a church tower; no landmark or something that pulls you in and introduces something else. One solution is to create a landmark or big space. Other option is re-establish the pattern language. Our site is influenced by Christopher Alexander Urban Design pattern. This particular design pattern believes that we can influence behaviour of people through a particular urban design.

**Notes:** PFS will meet with the VSB to see what they want to do with Britannia School. There is talk of turning the high school into a K-12. If that is the case, what will they do with the elementary school? The other issue is whether we are going to go with a completely new design or have different phases. Keep in mind the life cycle of certain buildings like the swimming pool.

### 3) Upcoming Event:

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, Mike Harcourt has agreed to host an informal event with our partners and political figures. No guests have been chosen yet, but there are a few key figures that we would like to have such as Richard Coleman, Ministry of Education, Community Development and First Nation Representative. The main purpose of this event is to inform these key figures what Britannia is doing. Our goal is to form a partnership with some of these organizations and perhaps get some funding.

### 3) Actions to be carried out by next meeting:

**ACTION:** PFS Consultants will meet with partners (i.e. VSB, COV, VPL, and VPB) in the next few weeks. They will get back and help us prepare for the presentation with the information that they have received from our partners.

**ACTION:** Cynthia will send a memo to the communication working group (Bette, Tammy, Penny, Lynda, Adam, Ian and Sam) to continue discussions and plans for the September/Fall presentation.

**ACTION:** Communication working group with Dan Freeman will present some sample of the vision statements for discussion at the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Put aside time to discuss different funding model (30min) such as 3Ps for next meeting.